



James Willie Mitchell

October 24, 1940 - August 4, 2025

James Willie Mitchell, age 84, of Belton, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 4, 2025, at Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 24, 1940, in Belton, South Carolina, the sixth child of the late John Robert and Willie Mae Bozeman Mitchell.

James was a proud graduate of Spearman High School in Piedmont, SC. He went on to attend the Police Academy in Orangeburg, SC, becoming one of the first three African Americans to serve on the Belton Police Department. Later, he earned his septic tank license and founded Mitchell's Septic Tank Business, which became a well-known name in the community.

Family was at the center of James's life. He was blessed with two daughters, Sharon and Cynthia, who were his pride and joy. A passionate farmer, James loved tending to his land and riding his tractor. He found great joy in teaching his great-grandchildren how to garden and operate the tractor. Known for his skills in the kitchen, he was a talented cook and enjoyed making his own wine. Another favorite pastime was collecting toy replicas of 18-wheelers.

He was a member at New Hope Baptist Church. He was a proud member of Washington lodge 340 PHA.

James is survived by his special friend, Vetta Summers; his two daughters,

Sharon Cannon (Bobby) and Cynthia Moorehead; nine grandchildren: Javon Johnson (Schmeka), Chris Gossett, Antranishia Norman (Donald), Jerome Moorehead, Chevay'e Cannon (April), Shantuesday Cooley (Nicholas), Jameika Cannon, and god-grandchildren Jarvis Ballentine and Christina Pitts; and eleven great-grandchildren: Braylen Crosby, Taraji Crosby, Tobias Cooley, Cairo Cooley, Nova Cooley, Chanaysia Cannon, Jeramiah Cannon, Kylie Cannon, Janilah Cannon, Izaan Burton, and Xavier Norman. His favorite niece Vanetta Mitchell. He is also survived by one brother, John Mitchell of Greenville, SC, and one sister, Ether Mae Bullock of Chicago, IL, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Verena Bell Mitchell Donley, Roonie Mae Miller, and Joyce Robinson of Chicago, IL; and three brothers, Samuel Lee Mitchell, Jerry Mitchell, and Joe Nelson Mitchell of Belton, SC.

James will be remembered for his dedication to family, his trailblazing service to his community, and his many talents and passions that brought joy to those around him.

. Funeral service will be held Saturday August 16, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. New Hope Baptist Church. Public viewing will be Friday from 12:00-7:00 P.M. with Masonic Final Rites, starting at 6:00 P.M. at the funeral home. The family is at 421 Big Creek Road Belton S.C.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **15**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holloway's Funeral Home
101 Holloway Blvd
Belton, SC 29627
hollowaysfuneral@bellsouth.net
<http://hollowaysfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church
400 Murphy Rd
Belton, SC 29627

Tribute Wall



“ *Holloway's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Willie Mitchell*



Holloway's Funeral Home - August 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM

RD

“ *We will miss you Brother James at New Hope. Rest in the presence of your Savior.*

- Pastor Derrell Dean

Rev. Derrell Dean - August 15, 2025 at 11:56 PM

KW

“ *Katherine Ware lit a candle in memory of James Willie Mitchell*



Katherine Ware - August 14, 2025 at 07:02 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Holloway's Funeral Home - August 14, 2025 at 06:01 PM

PS

“ To the family of our cousin (on the Mitchell side) we extend our deepest and most sincere heartfelt condolences. May God give you comfort and peace now and in the days ahead. Our Mother/grandmother was James's first cousin. Betty Faye Smith(Michael) Jones, Patrice Smith, Elaine&Damion Sanders



Patrice Smith - August 14, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DW

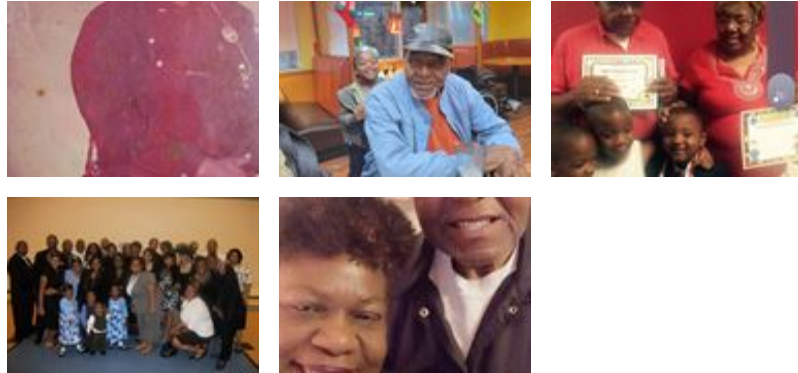
“ My condolences and prayers to the family may God continue too watch over yall during this time of bereavement.



Dollie Ware - August 12, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Holloway's Funeral Home - August 11, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, Prayers for His Family
🙏🙏



Willie Mae Palmer - August 11, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ Johnny Coker lit a candle in memory of
James Willie Mitchell



Johnny Coker - August 10, 2025 at 03:55 PM



I am so sorry for you all loss

Johnny Coker - August 10, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MD

“ My deepest condolences 🙏 to the family of James Mitchell I enjoyed working for him years ago may God strengthen you all at this time



Marvin & Ruby Dotson - August 09, 2025 at 08:02 PM

JE

“ On behalf of Pastor Jerome Moorehead & Miracle Redeemer Ministries we would like to extend our heart warm condolences to our family in memory of Papa James. We are going to truly miss you alot and thank you for everything you you taught us. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death,neither sorrow ,nor crying , neither shall there be no more pain ,for the former things are passed away. (Revelations 21:4)

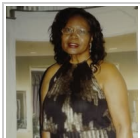
Jerome - August 09, 2025 at 05:38 PM

JF

“ Joe And Linda Earle And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of James Willie Mitchell



Joe and Linda Earle and Family - August 08, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences goes out to family. Rest in peace, James.



Mary Smith - August 07, 2025 at 05:18 PM

LH

“ *May God continue comforting the family.*



Lynette and Donnie Harper - August 07, 2025 at 04:58 PM

JM

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family.
Jamie P Mattison and Family*



Jamie Mattison - August 07, 2025 at 04:12 PM

MW

*Our prayers and deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr.
James Mitchell.*

Mary White - August 08, 2025 at 09:08 AM