



Mitchell Nichols

March 5, 1935 - June 20, 2015

Mitchell Nichols was born in Sweet Home, Arkansas on March 5, 1935. He was the first of four children born to the union of the late Eddie and Marie Nichols.

His family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio. As a young boy, he attended Christian Community Church and grew up under the spiritual guidance of Reverend Dubose. He was baptized at St. Edwards Catholic Church in 1947. In later years, he worshiped with his family at Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mitch, as he was affectionately called by many, attended Dike and St. Edwards elementary schools. He attended Rawlings Middle School and graduated from John Adams High School. He later enrolled at the Artha Jon School of Modeling and Charm. Upon completion of his training, he became a fashion model and participated in shows at the Hanna Theatre and also at Alpine Village.

His post high school vocation began with employment at Ritz clothing store where he worked in sales until he was employed by Ford Motor Company in Brookpark, Ohio. Mitch was the first Black man to be promoted to the position of Foreman in C.E.P. #2. He was the proud recipient of a Certificate of Recognition presented to him by Ford for his "conscientious effort and genuine interest in the Company." He served as Chairman of the Ford/UAW Civil Rights Committee in C.E.P. #1 for four years. He retired from Ford in July of 2006 after 50 years of steadfast service.

As a young man, he enlisted in the 372nd Infantry Battalion of the Ohio National Guard and was later reassigned to the 250th General Hospital Army Reserve. He received an Honorable Discharge in March of 1962 and was united in Holy Matrimony to Loretta Bussey later in that same year. To this union, two sons, Mitchell Glenn Nichols and Reginald Lamar Nichols were born. Reginald preceded him in death in 1992.

Some of his passions in life were: refinishing old furniture, listening to and collecting vintage jazz music, and watching and collecting old classic movies. During his younger

years, he also enjoyed playing tennis with family and friends. His best friend named the two of them Arthur Trash (as opposed to Arthur Ashe). He delighted in making others laugh and was known to have a joke or two ready to share at all times.

He will be remembered as an excellent provider. He went to work no matter what the weather was like. He went to work even when he was not feeling well, so that he could fulfill the needs of his family. He drew the line when it came to working two jobs. His motto was that. "two jobs are for two people." He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He will also be remembered for his many words of wisdom, his captivating smile, and his charismatic personality.

Mitchell Nichols made his transition on Saturday, June 20, 2015. He leaves to cherish his memory: Loretta Nichols (his devoted wife of nearly 53 years); his beloved son: Mitchell Glenn Nichols; his precious granddaughter: Angelique Marie Nichols; two special friends: Donna Mattox and James W. Dexter. Donna was like a sister to Mitch and Jay was like a brother. They were always only a phone call away. New friends are like silver; old friends are like gold.

Humbly Submitted,
The Family

Cemetery

Events

Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery JUN
5505 Northfield Road
Bedford Heights, OH, 44146

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Visitation 09:30AM - 10:00AM

Strawbridge Memorial Chapel
3934 Lee Road, Cleveland, OH, US, 44128

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Service 10:00AM

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Comments



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. God will give you the strength to overcome your grief. My prayers go out to you and your family.

Clara Hayes - June 26, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ Mr. Nichols will always be remembered as a kind, respectable, outstanding neighbor and man. May his legacy live on to empower and encourage others to live as such! May God's grace, peace, comfort and love be upon the Nichols family at this sensitive time and always! RIP!

T.Riggs - July 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM



“ Lillie M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mitchell Nichols.



Lillie M. - June 26, 2015 at 10:56 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mitchell Nichols.



June 25, 2015 at 10:08 PM



“ Mr Mitch Nichols was someone who I had the pleasure of knowing I've had the pleasure of cutting his hair for almost 20 years so I'm going to miss the jokes that he use to share every time he came to the shop so now it's time for someone else to tell you a joke or two rest in heaven you will truly be missed and mrs Loretta I will always be there if you need me

Yours Truly
Yvette Belle

yvette belle - June 25, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ I remember when I first met Mitch, i was 12 years old. Loretta brought him to Dinner at my Aunt Lola's home. I was mesmerized, he was not only tall, dark and handsome he was also a gentleman and a scholar. Mitch loved to talk and tell jokes, i would listen to him for hours. He also introduced me to a history of wonderful jazz and musicians. I was so proud of my big cousin for marrying this special man.

....and weep with those who weep. Romans 12:16
We share your grief. May God give you and Glenn tremendous comfort during this time.
Love You
Pat Hrobowski-Hawkins and Family

Patricia Hawkins - June 25, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Mitchell Nichols.



June 25, 2015 at 02:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mitchell Nichols.



June 25, 2015 at 02:24 PM



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June 25, 2015 at 02:20 PM