



## Donnell Mitchem Sr.

July 18, 1944 - June 19, 2020

LASHMEET – Donnell Mitchem, Sr., 75, of Lashmeet, died Friday, June 19, 2020 at home. Born July 18, 1944 in Switchback, WV, he was the son of the late Tommy Mitchem and Dora Odle Mitchem.

Mr. Mitchem was a US Marine Corps Vietnam veteran serving in 1965-1966. He was a coal miner for several years. Donnell enjoyed fishing and was an avid collector.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Ruby Mitchem, Julie Mitchem and Juanita Lusk; and three brothers, Franklin (Dee) Mitchem, Jimmy Mitchem and Ronald Mitchem.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Geraldine Smith Mitchem; one son, Donnell Mitchem, Jr. and his wife JoAnn of Salem, VA; one daughter, Hannah Sheets and her husband Charles of Lashmeet; two sisters, Judy Lusk and her husband Melvin of Spanishburg and Ester Cecil and her husband Calvin of Lashmeet; and four grandchildren, Julie Sheets, Daniel Sheets, Samuel Sheets and Allie Mitchem.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Teddy Warden officiating. Interment will follow at the Mitchem Family Cemetery in Lashmeet

where military honors will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 24, 2020 from noon until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mitchem Family Cemetery

3578 Wright Mountain Road  
Lashmeet, WV 24733

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
info@bailey-kirk.com  
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN 24. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donnell Mitchem Sr.*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donnell Mitchem Sr..*



June 25, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donnell Mitchem Sr..*



June 23, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ *Claudia Nesbit purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donnell Mitchem Sr..*



**Claudia Nesbit** - June 23, 2020 at 02:44 PM

VO

“ I’m so sorry to hear that Donnie was gone. I’ve heard him preach many times.  
I will be praying for the family. I know what a loss this will be for all of you.  
Thoughts and prayers,  
Veda Odle

Veda Odle - June 22, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Donnell Mitchem Sr.



TonyanEdgar Wicks - June 22, 2020 at 11:28 AM

MH

“ My name is Myrna Bailey Harmon Knew Donnie thru Phyllis Mitchem she was my sister and her Husband was Franklin Mitchem he was Donny:s brother Myrna Harmon

Myrna Harmon - June 21, 2020 at 10:02 PM

ME

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Donnie for greater than 30 years. First as a patient then Anita and I always enjoyed seeing him and Geraldine at our auctions. Always a kind Gentleman. Semper Fi Old Buddy Semper Fi.  
Mike & Anita Eades

Mike Eades - June 21, 2020 at 09:35 AM

TG

“ *Todd Graham lit a candle in memory of  
Donnell Mitchem Sr.*



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**Todd Graham** - June 20, 2020 at 10:14 PM

DK

“ *What a patriot Marine and great American. Semper Fi big Donnie  
guard the gates friend you will be missed!!!*

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**derek kessler** - June 20, 2020 at 09:54 PM

MA

“ *Margie lit a candle in memory of Donnell  
Mitchem Sr.*



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**Margie** - June 20, 2020 at 07:48 PM

BC

“ *Bonnie Coleman lit a candle in memory of  
Donnell Mitchem Sr.*



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**Bonnie Coleman** - June 20, 2020 at 04:13 PM

JS

*I graduated with Donnell at Matoaka High School, class of 1964 and  
knew him many years before. He was a very nice and gentle soul. My  
sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends...RIP.*

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**Johnnie Shuck** - June 22, 2020 at 11:22 AM

CB

“ Geraldine, I hope you remember me, you were a wonderful, fun loving friend in school, I remember going to your home but somewhere down the line we lost contact maybe you moved, I don't remember but my heart goes out to you for your loss, I have never forgotten you,,you'll always be in my heart,, praying for your family..Connie Gray Billings

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**Connie Gray Billings** - June 20, 2020 at 04:07 PM

CA

“ Oh Geraldine I am so very sorry for your loss. I know I haven't seen you in forever but you have not been forgotten. I can remember always seeing the two of you in Shoneys so many years ago. I always saw you together. I pray for strength and peace in this time of sorrow. I will never forget all of our times in Matoaka and on Cemetery Hill 🙏❤️

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**carolyn akers** - June 20, 2020 at 03:05 PM

CP

“ Calvin And Sue Poff sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnell Mitchem Sr.



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**Calvin and Sue Poff** - June 20, 2020 at 02:41 PM

DL

“ Dorothy Lawrence sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnell Mitchem Sr.



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**Dorothy Lawrence** - June 20, 2020 at 02:40 PM

PM

“ Pete And Peggy Matthews sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnell Mitchem Sr.



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**Pete and Peggy Matthews** - June 20, 2020 at 02:39 PM

SR

“ One of the nicest people. I remember him so vividly as a young child growing up in lashmeet. our prayers are with the family  
Pastor  
Steve Robinette

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**Steve Robinette** - June 20, 2020 at 01:50 PM

JW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember him and your mom and how much they loved Donnie and Hannah. I know you have precious memories that will help get through this sad time.

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**Jane Walthall** - June 20, 2020 at 01:41 PM