



## Mr. Thomas J. Mitchell, Sr.

October 4, 1931 - February 21, 2009

Mr. Thomas J. Mitchell, Sr. passed away Saturday February 21, 2009. Thomas was born October 4, 1931, the son of Hellen and Otto Mitchell, in Benton Harbor, MI. He was a graduate of Western Michigan University and Detroit University as well as Officer Candidate School. He retired from Ameritech as a Contract Administrator. He also was employed as a Network Engineer. Before becoming a Network Engineer, he served as Lieutenant J-G in the U.S. Navy between 1954 and 1956. Thomas had the uncanny ability to devise many meaningful fixes to complicated problems such as converting household power to 3-phase power using large motor windings. He shared this vast knowledge with the town youth as a Boy Scout Committee Chairman, in Hartland, MI.

Surviving are his wife, Jacqueline; 10 children, Kappe'; Roseanne; Patricia; Christine; Thomas Jr.; Mary; Pierre; Paula; Monique; and Cynthia. He was a grandfather and great-grandfather to 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Rosary will be held at 10:00 a.m., with a Mass following at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 26, 2009, at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, MI.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Cathedral  
542 W. Michigan  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas J. Mitchell, Sr.



Harper Funeral Home - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Thomas J. Mitchell, Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Thomas J. Mitchell, Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Very, very sad for too many reasons to list. I always enjoyed Tom and will miss him.##imported-begin##David Mullins##imported-end##

February 26, 2009 at 06:25 PM



“ Dear Mitchell Family,  
Juanita, Patty, Mary...I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear father. I know how hard it is to lose your parents. My heart goes out to all of you at this time in your lives. He will never be replaced. May the knowledge that he is reaping his reward in heaven be a comfort to you.  
With love and affection,  
Sue##imported-begin##Susan (Larson) Hutchings##imported-end##

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February 26, 2009 at 01:30 PM



“ I shall truly miss Tom Mitchell. He and his family have been great family friends for many years (back to the 1970s). Tom served as a pallbearer for my parents. He was a great support for me after the death of my family, (installed a dishwasher at my house in Ohio, prepared my father's guns for storage, and helped me keep my spirits up with his phone calls). We usually talked for a few minutes every two or three months. I know that his family will miss him terribly. I send my deepest sympathy to everyone who knew and loved him.##imported-begin##Paula George##imported-end##

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February 25, 2009 at 07:19 PM



“ The Copley Family sends their love and prayers to everyone. May God continue to comfort and strengthen you.  
I remember Monique and Cindy when I was little visiting them with my cousin Lisa. What a blessed and loving family you are. You are in our prayers.  
God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Kelly Staples##imported-end##

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February 25, 2009 at 12:13 PM



“ Tom, my big brother who always knew everything and was always right. You will be sorely missed. You who called me every day when I was in the hospital last year. I regret that we won't have that "Mitchell kid" family reunion that we spoke of last summer and spring.  
God be with you.  
Love,  
Joyce###imported-begin##Joyce Mitchell Sprattling##imported-end##

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February 25, 2009 at 04:33 AM



“ I would like to say that my Grandpa was a great loving person that knew what he wanted and had a plan for everything. We will miss him dearly.

Love Manuel Kimy Mackenzie and Joyce###imported-begin##Manuel d Rivera##imported-end##

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February 24, 2009 at 06:17 PM



“ I will really miss you Tom We talked about so many things from childhood to adulthood.  
Love, your sister Pat###imported-begin##patricia mitchell whaling##imported-end##

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February 24, 2009 at 03:35 PM



“ I was not aware of Tom's middle name, nor that it began with the letter "J". If asked however, I would respond, it must be "Jovial". A friendly, thoughtful, cheerful person is who I remember. In the heat of those stressful times at MBT, and there were a few, Tom could be relied on for calm and focus. A pleasure to know Tom, his goodness and kindness and frequently jovial nature. Bless you Tom and your family.

Chet Kordel,

Suttons Bay, Michigan (MBT Class of 1988)##imported-begin##Chet Kordel##imported-end##

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February 24, 2009 at 02:45 PM



“ Tom was my boss in the 1960's and I admired him as a man and a leader. I used to buy firewood from him and his friend in Hartland. I have thought of him often and wondered where he was. He is in my prayers.##imported-begin##George F. Becker, Jr.##imported-end##

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February 24, 2009 at 02:16 PM