



## Gayle Duane Mitchell

March 15, 1944 - July 4, 2018

Gayle Duane Mitchell, 74, of Ozark, AR died Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in Oklahoma City, OK. He was a farmer; raised turkeys for Cargill; former School Bus Driver for Ozark, sold auto parts for all the local parts store over the last 40 years and prepared taxes for AARP. He was born March 15, 1944 in Mt. Top Community, Ozark to Lewis and Eunice Dickerson Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Vickie Sue Stewart Mitchell; a daughter, Myranda Edgar; siblings, Burley, Alta, Ina Fay, Lorene, Delphine (Cricket), Gerald and Jim.

Gayle is survived by his wife, Kathryn Ribitzki Mitchell of Ozark; two sons, Gayle Mitchell, Jr. and wife Lori of Ozark and Michael Mitchell and wife Tracie of Lincoln, Alabama; a daughter, Sarena Wyers and husband Mike of Ozark; Son-in-law, James Edgar of Ozark; extra son, Dennis Hagler; eleven grandchildren, Gayle Mitchell, III (Trey), Chris and Victoria Mitchell, Cortney and Zach Salster, Sydnae Carpenter and Jonah Wyers, David, Steven, and Greg Selby, and Shyanne Nellum; and six great grandsons.

Family will visit with friends from 12:00 until 1:00 PM prior to the service on Monday, July 9th at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Memorial service will be held 1:00 PM Monday, July 9, 2018 at Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Randy Boren officiating under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

To leave online condolences for the family visit: [www.shafferfuneralhomeozark](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeozark)

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# Previous Events

## Visitation Prior to Service

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gayle Duane Mitchell*



**Shaffer Funeral Home** - July 07, 2018 at 07:03 PM

LM

*I love an miss you dad Mitchell*

**Lori Mitchell** - July 08, 2018 at 08:51 PM

JA

*What a wonderful tribute to Gayle. I so enjoyed working with him all the years he did free taxes, for our community, at Westside Bank of The Ozarks. You couldn't ask for a more honest man, than Gayle, to be in your corner. He will be missed by All of us. Judith Armstrong*

**Judith Armstrong** - July 08, 2018 at 09:47 PM

JA

*You are in our prayers*

**Judith Armstrong** - July 08, 2018 at 09:49 PM

LH

*So sorry for y'all's loss. I have been praying for y'all.*

**Lacy Huff** - July 10, 2018 at 10:45 PM

JF

*Beautiful, Uncle Gayle was a wonderful man. I thought a lot of him. He will be missed by many. He truly was a great man, anyone who knew him, knew that. My heart, and prayers for the family.*

**Jeannie Fuchs** - July 19, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *Gayle Duane Mitchell*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *I am sincerely sorry for your loss. He was always so nice to visit with during tax time. He always worked so hard to get every thing just right. I appreciate the opportunity to visit with him and his wife, He will certainly be missed in our community. I didn't know him well but felt led to send prayers for comfort to his family. Sincere condolences, Sarah Holland*

**Sarah Holland** - July 26, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Kathy and family.*



**Marilyn Ribitzki Frederick** - July 09, 2018 at 07:34 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gayle Duane Mitchell.*



July 09, 2018 at 12:02 PM

AC

“ *Avanna Ann, Cynthia, Zoe Bee, Babae Joy, and Chris purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gayle Duane Mitchell.*



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**Avanna Ann, Cynthia, Zoe Bee, Babae Joy, and Chris** - July 08, 2018 at 07:41 PM

BD

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. Gayle was a good guy and will be missed.*

*Bill Davidson*

*AARP Tax Aide*

*Hot Springs AR*

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**Bill Davidson** - July 08, 2018 at 10:24 AM

DH

“ Gayle was like a Father to me, he taught me to work hard and be proud of who I was. There's so many memories of Gayle; I don't think I can decide on just one (so I'll just touch on a few) but first let me explain Gayle and Kathy took me in (Goon and I were friends) when I was 15 years old...I can never thank them enough for raising me and making sure I was taken care of. Gayle treated me as if I was one of his own! He was the best man that I've ever known, never once did I see him cheat another person, look down up on anyone, bad mouth a person and yes, his word was good as gold!!! I love and cherish the times and talks we had and all the advise he gave me from his heart. If there were more people like Gayle, then this sad old World would be such a better place!

Back to my memories of him. I can still hear him telling me and Goon "Rise and Shine" walking down the hall, in the morning... No matter how late we were out, we could count on him to get us up and make men out of us! Singing George Jones, I didn't know much about George at the time (shame on me lol) but, when he got in the mood to sing George (coming back from Susie's house) he would belt it out and sound really really good. Since those days everytime I hear George, I think of Gayle! I'll end this with the time we went to buy my first car (1978 Cutlass Supreme) he said "Dennis let me do the talking" so I did, I never tested Gayle on anything he told me. I knew better! Anyway, I seen the Car and knew I wanted it bad (we decided what a good fair price was) so when the salesman came to talk to us Gayle said "if you start any of this IF I COULD WOULD YOU STUFF... We are going to leave" so I've used that line when buying cars the past 30 plus years. Well they negotiated and it came down to \$50 bucks (yes only \$50 more than we'd decided to give for the car) he said "let's go Dennis" (yes he knew I wanted the car bad) and we got up to leave.. The salesman said "are you going to lose this deal over \$50" and of course Gayle said "We sure are" and my heart sunk!!!! We got to the door and the salesman said "ok, ok.. I give, you can have it for that". I was excited to say the least.., later I asked Gayle if we were going to actually leave and he said "absolutely".... And that basically we had agreed to the amount we would pay for the car and he was going to stick to it! I learned so

*much that day... That was Gayle, he was just a kind hearted soul, that spent his life (AARP Taxes is a great example) helping and teaching other's. If they were his blood or not, he was always there for you!! I will never forget you Gayle Duane Mitchell (Big Goon) I got nothing but love for you!!! RIP Sorry this is so lengthy*

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**Dennis Hagler** - July 07, 2018 at 10:22 PM

JB

“ *May you Rest In Peace, my dear friend, having met you and Kathy just a short time ago, I looked so forward to working with you and Kathy at AARP. So enjoyed meeting you kids up in Oark for lunch, and just the visiting. You will always be in my thoughts, and I will miss you. Later my friend.*

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**Jeff and Lorene Boland** - July 06, 2018 at 09:25 PM