



Mitchell, Ward Samuel, Sr.

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Ward Samuel Mitchell Sr., of Fort Worth, passed away on Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, at his home. He was born on Wednesday, March 21, 1951, in Newton, Kansas, to Leonard Leroy and Wilma Ann Phillips Mitchell.

Ward declared his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, uniting with the Second Missionary Baptist Church in Hutchinson, Kansas. After accepting a job in Texas, he continued to serve St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur.

Ward possessed the potential to be a professional athlete, however he chose instead to work. He was an outstanding bowler, an avid sportsman, an unofficial statistician and enjoyed gardening and sharing his harvest with others. The young men in the neighborhood looked up to him and called him "Big Brother." Ward was also affectionately referred to by his family as "Little Brother," "Big Guy," "Bigman" and "Uncle Wardie." Professionally, Ward dedicated 35 years of service to Targa Resources Corporation in the natural gas field before retiring in 2018.

Ward leaves to cherish his memory, former wife, Gloria McConnell Mitchell; four sons, Ward S. Mitchell Jr., Jacob A. (Shanell) Mitchell, Emmanuel L. Mitchell and Nathan A. (Jada) Mitchell; a daughter, Stephanie E. Mitchell; Three granddaughters, Lana Mitchell, Malia Mitchell and Jordyn Mitchell; five siblings, Mary L. Myrick, Patricia A. Mitchell, Leonard L. (Wesslee) Mitchell, William F. (Dana) Mitchell and Elmira Mitchell-Everett; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He will be dearly missed but forever remembered for his strength, kindness and unwavering faith.