



Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell

February 20, 1960 - April 2, 2022

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Cary Mitchell, a native of Richmond, Virginia and a 1983 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University an HBCU located in Charlotte, NC. Cary has enjoyed an illustrious career in the fashion industry and has aptly been dubbed Designer to the Stars.

After college, Mitchell headed to Paris, France to immerse himself in the fashion industry. He began working for a small American sportswear store Monsieur Basket owned by a few veteran American professional basketball players in France. Within six months Mitchell was designing men's sportswear for the store. Upon returning to the United States, Mitchell worked for a major airline before putting his designing genius to work full time and forming International Custom Clothing. While the company was still in its infancy, his friend, Stedman Graham, gave him one of the most important tidbits of business advice he has ever received: include his name in the name of the apparel company. Thus, the distinguished Cary Mitchell Designs was formed. As a nationally recognized custom clothier, clothing designer and image consultant. Mitchell has fashioned attire for professional athletes of the NBA, NFL, and MLB. On that client list were golfer Tiger Woods, Scotty Pippen, Dwight Howard, Ray Allen, Gary Payton, Jason Kidd, Yao Ming, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Paul Pierce, Alonzo Mourning, Grant Hill, Ken Griffey, Jr. Emmett Smith, Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith. Also, ESPN Stuart Scott and Steven A. Smith. Mitchell's design freshness and creativity, as well as his

business accomplishments, has created a storm of media attention from national print and broadcast properties. Mitchell also was chosen by Black billionaire Bob Johnson to design the game uniform for the NBA new basketball team the Charlotte "BOBCATS". He has appeared numerous times on BET and he was featured on ESPN's Outside the Lines, FOX's Best Damn Sports Show...Period and CNN's Southern Living. He was also featured in Sports Illustrated for his pants design and craftsmanship for Tiger Woods, and in GQ, Ebony, ESPN the Magazine, Sister 2 Sister, Code, Black Voices, Street and Smith's Sports annuals, Charlotte Business Journal, Charlotte Magazine, The Charlotte Observer, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and others.

Cary Carter Mitchell was a devoted husband, brother, godfather, neighbor, and friend. He was born to the late John Thomas and Elizabeth Mitchell on February 20th, 1960, in Richmond, Virginia. On April 2nd, 2022, Cary surrendered to the will of God and made his journey home.

Cary's beloved parents, John Thomas and Elizabeth Mitchell as well as his sister Sheryl Lynn Thomas, preceded him in death.

Cary leaves a loving family: His devoted wife of 27 years (Vanessa); maternal grandmother Ida Lee; brother, John Harvey (Shuron); sister, Ida Aleas; uncle, Carl Spencer (Sheila); niece, Mia E Thomas; goddaughter, Zaria Gool; sisters-in-law, Brenda Scales, and Phyllis Roberts; brother-in-law, Garry Scales (Alecia); and a host of other family and friends. Cary was dearly loved and will be sorely missed; may he rest in eternal peace.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR **14**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC.
2310 Statesville Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28206
(704) 377-4243
info@aegriersonsfcc.com
<https://www.aegriersonsfcc.com>

Visitation

APR **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Victory Christian Center - Dome
7228 Kings Ridge Drive
Charlotte, NC 28217
<http://www.vccenter.net>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. created a Tribute Video in memory of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - April 14, 2022 at 05:45 PM

AR

“ I have always honored your request to “stay away” and remain hidden so I would not impact your career and family. I break this oath today. I to will miss you. Until we see search other again.

Arnold Roseboro - September 19, 2022 at 10:45 PM

WM

“ Condolences to The Mitchell family...Cary and I were classmates in the 7th grade in Richmond VA.

WMCrenshaw - April 16, 2022 at 06:35 AM

RS

“ I join Vanessa, the entire Cary Mitchell family and his friends in celebrating a life well-lived! Cary was an awesome human being who exemplified the characteristics of Christ throughout his life. Cary lived our mandate from the Lord - to love others as Christ loves us and to serve mankind. Cary is with the Lord, enjoy your well-deserved reward my Brother and I pray God covers those who knew and loved him with peace.



Rhonda Farmer Smith - April 15, 2022 at 11:59 AM

PD

“ My prayers are with the family at this difficult time. JCSU classmate Patricia Dean...💕



Patricia C. Dean - April 15, 2022 at 11:54 AM

VM

“ Vanessa, I am praying for you and the entire Mitchell family! Cary was an amazing soul that was truly a blessing to so many of us. We will always remember his bright light, may it shine forever! Valerie Melton



Valerie Melton - April 15, 2022 at 09:46 AM

RN

“ Vanessa we send our deepest condolences during this time. Cary was a loving soul who never met a stranger and greeted everyone with his infectious smile!!! May the Lord be with you and continue to keep you during this time. We love you cousin, Rea & Rachelle ❤️🙏



Rachelle Neal - April 15, 2022 at 09:34 AM

RN

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Rachelle Neal - April 15, 2022 at 09:31 AM

DW

“ Cary Mitchell, a visionary, humble giant that led the way for so many individuals who aspired to be in the clothing industry! He did it with grace, class and a high level of professionalism!! His embrace was always warm and inviting! Thanks so much for being such an example and a blueprint for us to follow!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you Vanessa and the Mitchell family!!! Rest in Power!

Dave Washington- JCSU CLASS OF '91

Dave Washington - April 15, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ 17 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



A.E. Grier & Sons Funeral and Cremation, LLC. - April 14, 2022 at 06:04 PM



“ *Addielene Fields. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



Addielene Fields. - April 14, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Rodney Patton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



Rodney Patton - April 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

LH

“ Vanessa we wish to express our love and condolences to you and the Mitchell Family during this time of bereavement. Your sisters in Christ and the Class of 1971. Always remember that we're here for you. Love ❤️



“Those we have held in our arms for a little while, we hold in our hearts forever.” God Bless you all. 🙏

Linda Hampton - April 14, 2022 at 10:30 AM

MR

“ Mark, Kim and Ashley, The Rackards purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



Mark, Kim and Ashley, The Rackards - April 14, 2022 at 02:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



April 14, 2022 at 12:40 AM

KS

“ Sorry to hear of your lost Kenneth & Tikca Robinson

Kenneth Robinson Sr. - April 13, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



April 13, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



April 13, 2022 at 03:35 PM



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April 13, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sincere thoughts and prayers to the entire family during this time!
May the peace of Christ be with you all!* ❤️🙏

Gina Whitaker Cannon and family - April 13, 2022 at 07:00 AM

SJ

“ Sending our love, Terroll & Robin Joiner purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



Sending our love, Terroll & Robin Joiner - April 12, 2022 at 09:44 PM

JF

“ Joel Cogdell and Your Lowe's Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



Joel Cogdell and Your Lowe's Family - April 12, 2022 at 09:01 AM

MF

“ Martin H. Troupe Sr. & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



Martin H. Troupe Sr. & Family - April 12, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



April 12, 2022 at 08:13 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



April 11, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



April 11, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Victor Jones along with Elliott Close purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



Victor Jones along with Elliott Close - April 11, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Truly saddened hearing of my good friend Cary Mitchell's passing. An awesome brother who always saw the good in people. He was a creator always looking to improve other's lives. He got me backstage to some world class events. Humble. He hung with celebrities and treated everyone like a celebrity. Rest in paradise dear friend.*

Darryle Buchanan - April 11, 2022 at 07:22 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



April 10, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.*



April 10, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Cup was a nice guy. Always a gentleman; always greeted you with smile; sincere in his actions; very humble. He'll be missed but never forgotten by his JCSU family. My sincere condolences to his wife Vanessa and the entire Mitchell family. Janice S Paige (Swat) JCSU Class of 81*

Janice S Paige - April 09, 2022 at 12:02 AM

CW

“ What can you say about Cary that has not already been said, he was just a great all around person who would do anything for anyone. He LOVED JSCU as well. He always had a kind word for me and loved both Robin and Olivia. He will definitely be missed, **BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**. Rest well brother.



Charles, Robin, and Olivia Whitfield

Charles Whitfield - April 08, 2022 at 11:40 AM

RF

“ Our condolences to Vanessa and the Mitchell family.💕💕 Praying for the family 🙏
Roderick & Sharon Fryer

Roderick & Sharon Fryer - April 08, 2022 at 10:40 AM

WG

“ C Mitch as I always called him was a beacon of joy each time I saw him. He was compassionate and passionate about any project he under took. Most of all he was my friend.

I often think of him as a STAR.... You don't always see him but you know he's there. RIP MY BROTHER.
Willie G

Willie H. Gregory - April 08, 2022 at 09:52 AM

D'

“ Sincere Condolences And Prayers Are Extended To Vanessa Mitchell & Family On The Unexpected Loss Of Your Very Dear Loved One, Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell. May "Cup's" Very Well Lived And Accomplished Life That Was Gifted By Jesus Christ Give The Mitchell Family Strength, Peace And Comfort That Surpasses All Understanding. Blessings-



Dennis Branch, JCSU '81 - April 07, 2022 at 05:51 PM

CN

“ My sincerest condolences are extended to Vanessa and to the Mitchell family. I will be praying that God grant you strength, comfort, and peace as you adjust to his having transitioned to be with our Heavenly Father.



Charles H. Blackwell, Yanceyville, NC - April 07, 2022 at 05:49 PM

AA

“ Cary was so instrumental in my own Mother's Transition in 1999. His compassion and willingness to help, Cary designed and delivered a beautiful black suit that I still have to this day. Cary's heart was huge and his smile infectious smile. He and Vanessa brought laughter, great stories and a sense of belong to those they touched. Goodbye for now my Brother but we WILL see you again. Proverbs 3:5-6

Allen K. Anderson - April 07, 2022 at 04:56 PM

DM

“ Wow, I met Cary as a young adult attending and serving at VCC . We served with the Super Saturday Outreach. He was always polite, respectful and considerate! He never met a stranger or they didn't remain so long! My sincere condolences to you Vanessa and family 💕💕

Deborah McInnis - April 07, 2022 at 04:28 PM

KG

“ Cary was that DUDE. He was always positive. He and I could sit and talk sports, fashion, and JCSU topics all day. RIP Sir.

Keith Greene - April 07, 2022 at 03:52 PM

CC

“ As a student at JCSU, Cup always had a smile and kind words for anyone he met. He had a sense of humor too. Prayers to his Wife, family, friends, Church Family and JCSU Family. Rest well Cup. We love you but God loves you best.
Cathy "CC" Carter C/O 1983JCSU

Cathy Carter - April 06, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JS

My Condolences and Prayers to Vanessa, Ida and the entire Mitchell family. My heartfelt memories are with you. Much Love and respect to the family which I have always felt they were my family as well.

Joyce King Smith - April 10, 2022 at 06:20 AM

JA

“ JCSU, Div. of Institutional Advancement purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



JCSU, Div. of Institutional Advancement - April 06, 2022 at 02:23 PM

J1

“ JCSU Class of 1983 purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell.



JCSU Class of 1983 - April 06, 2022 at 01:08 PM

VG

“ Cary was a beautiful soul; praying continually for the family... RIP 🙏

Venus Green - April 06, 2022 at 09:05 AM

CS

“ My Lil Bro I still have your message that you left me I will cherish it forever
And I still remember trading shoes and basketball gear with you
You will be truly miss but never forgotten
Rest my brother you earned your Wings 🙏👟❤️

Clyde Austin Sr - April 06, 2022 at 12:35 AM

Jl

“ *Peace and Grace to the family and friends of Cary 'Cup' Mitchell.*

From Smithite, J.C. Goodlett, II

Johnie C. Goodlett, II - April 05, 2022 at 10:08 PM

CS

“ *Words can not explain how much I loved you and how much I miss you already. After my Sister (your Mom) Passed you stayed with us when ever you came to town. This I'll miss so very much.*

Carl M Spencer - April 05, 2022 at 09:40 PM

BG

“ *Beverly George lit a candle in memory of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell*



Beverly George - April 05, 2022 at 08:36 PM

SJ

“ *Cup was a special brother and friend. Always a gentleman, always a well balanced demeanor. Gone too soon...we'll miss you bro.*



Steve Jarrett - April 05, 2022 at 08:08 PM

MM

“ *New Cary since he was 10 or 11 always a stand up guy u will be missed*

Mike (Playe) Mitchell - April 05, 2022 at 06:02 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anthony lit a candle in memory of Cary Carter "Cup" Mitchell*



Crystal Anthony - April 05, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ *Cary I will forever miss and love you. Thank you for being an AMAZING big brother! ❤️*

Ida Mitchell - April 05, 2022 at 04:34 PM

CU

Will miss my Nephew. After my Sister (his mom) passed he always stayed at my house when ever he came to Richmond. I miss him so very much .

Carl Spencer, Uncle. - April 06, 2022 at 11:58 PM



My prayers are with the family...

Reginald Douglas - April 10, 2022 at 06:51 AM

LE

Wow, I still haven't wrapped my head around the loss of my dear friend Cary. I'm going to miss him so much. Sending my condolence to Vanessa and the entire Mitchell family.

leah - April 10, 2022 at 08:38 PM