



Harvey Alston Mitchell Jr.

December 12, 1953 - May 5, 2025

Harvey Alston Mitchell Jr., 71, of Asheville, NC, passed away peacefully at his home on May 5, 2025. Harvey was born in Goldsboro on December 12, 1953, to the late Harvey Alston Mitchell Sr. and Gladys Crawley Mitchell.

Harvey was a lifelong learner who enjoyed reading about World War II fighter pilots and aviation history, and he built model airplanes growing up. He enjoyed spending summers with his family at White Lake, water skiing with an acrobatic performance group, The Ski Heels.

He was a member of the first graduating class of Wayne Country Day School in 1972. He earned a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1977 and completed a PharmD in 1999 from UNC. Harvey was a lifelong Tar Heel fan.

In 1977, Harvey married UNC pharmacy classmate Linda Sharpe in Asheville. Harvey began his career in pharmacy at CVS before joining Mission Hospital in Asheville, where he worked for 30 years. Harvey was the first pharmacist in the ICUs advising doctors on individual drug decisions. Colleagues sought out Harvey for problem resolution.

Harvey and Linda shared 47 years of a loving marriage. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who cherished his family. Harvey was active

in the country dance community until Parkinson's disease stole his ability to dance.

Harvey is survived by his wife, Linda Sharpe Mitchell; his son, William Harvey Mitchell of Durham, and partner, Christa Stansbury; his daughter, Emily Jean Mitchell and husband, Kirk Modglin, of Austin, TX; and his beloved grandchildren, Abel Gene Modglin and Siena Modglin. He is also survived by one sister, Mary Ann Mitchell Parker, and husband, James Canady Parker, of Goldsboro, as well as brothers-in-law, David Sharpe of Asheville and Richard Sharpe of Vancouver, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Dr. Gene and Shirley Sharpe.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Max McCleary-Small for his faithful caregiving and the kindness shown to Harvey over the last eight years.

A Celebration of Harvey's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Morris Funeral & Cremation Care, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 10:00 AM, and also at a lunch from 1:00 until 4:00 PM at the AC Hotel Asheville Downtown, 10 Broadway St, Asheville, NC 28801. The family requests that friends and relatives RSVP by e-mail to William Mitchell at whmitche@outlook.com. Livestreaming Link and Password can be found at the bottom of this page.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice, or to the American Parkinson Disease Association at PO Box 6420, Staten Island, NY 10306 (<https://www.apdaparkinson.org/get-involved/memorial-and-tribute-gifts/>) or to Asheville GreenWorks, 2 Sulpher Springs Road, Asheville, NC 28806 to rebuild city parks in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene (<https://www.ashevillegreenworks.org/donate>).

Celebration of Life - Zoom Livestream Link and Password

<https://nutanix.zoom.us/j/97559875320?pwd=79h4fUlvptBcO5haMOq7Fg5GyEv3Ka.1&from=addon>

Password: 465759

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
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Memorial Reception

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ I had the wonderful privilege of working with Harvey for many years at Mission Hospital. He was one of the smartest people I have worked with. Always ready with an answer to any question & there to help you with any problem you might have. His smile & laugh were infectious. I will always remember him fondly. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Cyndi Hungerford - August 24, 2025 at 01:13 AM

MC

“ It was a pleasure to work with Harvey at Mission, both personally and professionally. He was always quick to address issues with the pharmacy's computer system, and always took multiple views into account (and many of his product notes/comments in Cerner have carried through to this day!). He was always a great source humor and interesting stories, and one of my fondest memories is when he shared his "yard of ale" with coworkers. He will be missed!

Melissa Chapel - June 24, 2025 at 04:46 PM

SC

“ I feel so privileged to have known Harvey and worked with him for many years. He was one of the most gifted and open hearted people I've ever known. His ability to analyze problems, develop solutions and then envision the downstream effects was amazing, yet sometimes unappreciated by us mere mortals. His sense of humor was a bit quirky, but his laughter was at times uncontrollable, yet infectious to those who understood. I've missed him for some time, but in his passing I am flooded with the sweetest of memories of the good times. Thank God for you Harvey.

Scott Crawford - June 21, 2025 at 07:50 AM

MH

“ It was always a pleasure and privilege to work with Harvey on many projects at St. Joseph's Hospital. His educated, well-thought through, and often creative insights and ideas led to many improvements in care. His unique laugh, his suspenders, his annual haircut (I believe in April to note the annual fleecing of taxpayers), his penchant for always taking the stairs, the posters of WWII planes in his office, and his gathering of those of us who had links to Scotland are all fond memories. I extend my sympathies to his family, friends and colleagues.

Martha Hoskyns - June 12, 2025 at 11:14 AM

BN

“ I worked with Harvey when developing computer systems for the hospital. His great sense of humor was so welcome during stressful times. Sending my sympathy to his family, I know he will be greatly missed.

Bev Nivens - June 09, 2025 at 12:16 PM

SR

“ Harvey will always have a special place in my heart. We worked together for 30 years. Linda one of my fondest memories was Harvey bringing you dinner when you staffed evenings at the hospital. Yours was truly a love story worth sharing. ❤️
Sandi

Sandi Rice - May 31, 2025 at 12:17 PM

KC

“ I had the pleasure of working with both Harvey & Linda. I worked at mission when I first started in pharmacy and only worked with Harvey once in a while, he was always very nice & had an infectious laugh that would draw you in. I worked with Linda at Corum and never have I ever met 2 people so meant for each other. They were perfectly made for each other. I am so terribly sorry to hear of Harveys passing, and I'm sending many thoughts and prayers for Linda & her family

Kristen Calloway - May 21, 2025 at 11:41 PM

WM

“ Here's a blast from the past, this was my dad's high school graduation, I saw others mention his laugh. There were times at plays when something was funny was said. Harvey would get tickled. He would start laughing so hard sometimes the people in the play would have to stop acting. Evidentially during a David letterman performance one time his laughter even got David letterman to start laughing and the whole broadcast was interrupted for about 10 or 15 seconds.



william harvey mitchell - May 11, 2025 at 11:45 PM



“ Harvey had a hilarious laugh that would bring a smile to your face. He will be missed.

Sabrina Roddy - May 10, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JB

“ Harvey was a long time colleague at Mission Hospital. He was a special person....one of a kind. He was always kind and conscientious. He always wanted to improve patient care. Prayers for his family.

Janice Brown - May 09, 2025 at 04:47 PM