



## R. Mitchell Gregory Jr.

March 12, 1960 - February 27, 2023

Ralph Mitchell Gregory, Jr., 62, of Apex, North Carolina passed into the Lord's presence on February 27, 2023 at his home in Apex, North Carolina. He was born on March 12, 1960 in Chester County, South Carolina.

Mitchell was a 1983 graduate of Columbia Bible College. He pastored First Alliance Church in Statesville, NC for 5 years before relocating to Cary, NC where he served the congregation of Cary Alliance Church faithfully as Senior Pastor for 34 years. He was passionate about proclaiming the Gospel with truth and accuracy and was always eager to listen and pray. An avid reader and student of Scripture, he found joy in collecting books for his ever-growing library and giving them to others. Mitchell loved his church, his family, and especially being "Papa" to his nine grandchildren on whom he doted every chance he had. He also enjoyed going to Hurricanes games and NASCAR races and catching the latest Marvel movie in theaters with his grandson.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Beth; his children Hannah (Dan) Miner, John (Tiffany) Gregory, James Gregory, and Thomas (Keri) Gregory; grandchildren Nathan, Benjamin, Noah, Abby Grace, Rebekah, Caleb, Micah, Joanna, and Luke; parents Ralph and Peggy Gregory; brother Chuck Gregory and sister Brantlee (Ray) Brake.

A memorial service will be held at Cary Alliance Church on Saturday March 4th, 2023 at 2PM. There will be a visitation beforehand, starting at noon. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Cary Alliance Church Missions Fund (CMF).

Pastor Mitchell loved Jesus and longed to see Him. He truly lived Philippians 1:21- “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Cary Alliance Church  
4108 Ten Ten Road  
Apex, NC 27539

## Memorial Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cary Alliance Church  
4108 Ten Ten Road  
Apex, NC 27539

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of R. Mitchell Gregory Jr.*



Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - March 02, 2023 at 12:47 PM

DC

*Wonderful we will always miss you dear brother Mitchell. Glory be to God for you and your family.*

David Coone - March 02, 2023 at 05:21 PM

BC

“ *So sorry for your loss. A gentle humble man of God.  
A neighbor, Billie Cunningham*

Billie Cunningham - March 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM

LG

“ *Lindy Gregory lit a candle in memory of R.  
Mitchell Gregory Jr.*



Lindy Gregory - March 03, 2023 at 10:10 PM

LG

*Great guy. He always had a sweet smile.*

Lindy Gregory - March 03, 2023 at 10:11 PM

SC

“ I knew Pastor Mitchell through his daughter Hannah. During a Faith crisis I attended Cary Alliance. Pastor Mitchell and the congregation embraced and loved me. My Faith was restored and has thrived thanks to Pastor Mitchell and his weekly message. I send all my love and Blessings. Susan Clark

Susan Clark - March 03, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of R. Mitchell Gregory Jr..



March 03, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of R. Mitchell Gregory Jr..



March 03, 2023 at 08:24 AM

CG

“ He wore about him an air of peace and his words built faith into us who heard him. He was indeed a shepherd who honored his calling. it is so hard to grasp that he is gone.

Charlotte Gunther - March 02, 2023 at 09:06 PM

EF

“ *What an exemplary Servant of God. He is now home with our dear Lord. More alive than ever, immortal, renewed, at rest, full of happiness, full of love and awaiting all of us to arrive soon for the celebration. I will never forget how he lovingly got up during January’s Communion Service to sit quietly next to me, holding my hand and prayed for peace in my heart and Alex’s protection in the Navy. Such discernment and comforting words - needed at that hour. To the family, you are not alone! Our God will comfort your hearts and strengthen you day by day. May you stay firm and steadfast until the Lord’s coming where we will all rejoice and be together again. Our sincere condolences: Elizabeth, Jorge, Alexandre and Gabriel Ferreira.*

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**Elizabeth Ferreira** - March 02, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of R. Mitchell Gregory Jr..*



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March 02, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ 77 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - March 02, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ I know you will miss your beloved pastor. I pray the Lord of providence to prepare many hearts to serve as he served your congregation. Prayers being tenderly proffered for you all, from members of Congregation Sha’Arei prayer team, Cary, NC. Peace and grace the Lord be with you all.



S. Zeblisky - March 01, 2023 at 06:14 PM



Full name: Congregation Sha’Arei Shalom

S. Zeblisky - March 01, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ I sure do miss Pastor Mitchell and his wonderful sermons. He was such a wonderful aid to me and my daughter-in-law when my dear husband Mike passed away. Pastor Mitchell took us both under his wing and was truly there for us. I already miss him. I am in shock that he is no longer here with us. He always had a smile on his face so that's a great photo of him.

Joanne Hios - March 01, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of R. Mitchell Gregory Jr..



March 01, 2023 at 03:04 PM



“ I am going to miss this humble servant and faithful pastor. I'll miss his careful handling of God's Word through speech and life. I'll miss his listening ear, wise counsel, encouragement, and gentle rebukes. I'll miss his constant reminders of an absolute dependence on God's Grace and Mercy, and never asking God for what I deserve. And I'll miss having him by my side to remind me to look to the one true Shepherd of my soul when the trials of life knock at my door.

Kenny Garren - March 01, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ We so love Pastor Gregory. He has walked with us through so many hard times with the heart of our Good Shepherd. Oh the glories that are now revealed as his faith has become sight!

Matthew Hoffman - February 28, 2023 at 10:35 PM

RZ

“Hearing Pastor Mitchell’s sermon for the first time 25 years ago, Dean & I said “This is where we will worship!” We enjoyed the years of his Sunday evening more casual services & his humor & smile.  
Rose Zachos

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**Rose Zachos** - February 28, 2023 at 10:07 PM

HK

Ellen and I were looking for a truly Bible based church 12 years ago and watched Kay Yow’s funeral on TV. We visited soon thereafter and commented “now we’ve been to church.” Pastor Mitchell has been an inspiration to us ever since. We will miss him.

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**Harold Kennedy** - March 01, 2023 at 08:31 AM

CW

I will miss the wonderful sermons Pastor Mitchell gave each week. They were always true to God’s word and so encouraging. One of my fondest memories of Pastor Mitchell occurred after a sermon several years ago. He had taken note of our daughter (who was sitting with some youth group friends) and there appeared to be something of great interest during this sermon. He walked up to them after the service with his gentle smile and asked them what had captured their attention. My daughter said that he had used the word “grace” over fifty times that day and they were all keeping track of the count. (I believe it may have been more, but it was at least that number). He was happy to hear that was the cause of the “mischief” and relayed something encouraging about the grace of our Lord. I will never forget that story because Pastor Mitchell embodied the word grace in his sermons and his actions. Our family will all miss him dearly! It is comforting to know that we have the ultimate peace in knowing that he is with the Lord.  
Mark 10:45.

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**Chris Whary** - March 01, 2023 at 11:09 AM

BS

*When our family moved to this area back in 1993, our search for a church brought us to Cary Alliance Church on Maynard Road, and that is where we found a church family that we've always loved, starting with our beloved pastor, Mitchell. Our families grew up together over these last almost thirty (30) years through many seasons of life, and we're so thankful for the pastor Mitchell's love for our family, his faithful ministry and God honoring example and coveted friendship. I never hesitated to seek his wise counsel and thoughtful insights. He was such an encouragement to me and I will miss him dearly. A humble servant of the King, a selfless leader, and true brother in Christ. I know Mitchell is in a better place and it's with confidence we can say not 'goodbye' but rather 'goodbye for now' as we'll all be together again some day. We grieve with hope, the hope that Mitchell communicated to us so clearly for so many years. Thank you brother for being my pastor and friend. Until we meet again. Love you Mitchell.*

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**Bob Sackmann** - March 04, 2023 at 09:47 AM

JS

*Pastor Mitchell was my pastor for several years. He mentored me while I was in seminary, working on my Master of Divinity. He spent many hours pouring in to me, teaching me, and praying with me. I learned how to preach and teach largely from him. He helped me become the pastor and Army Chaplain I am today. I feel like I've lost a spiritual father. I love him very much and miss him dearly.*

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**Jason Skeens** - April 06, 2023 at 09:52 PM