



Mitchell Allen Bayes

October 6, 1953 - November 2, 2022

Mitchell Allen Bayes went to be with the Lord on November 2, 2022, after a prolonged illness. Mitchell Allen and his three brothers were raised in Dayton, Ohio by parents who left Eastern Kentucky for better circumstances. As a young person, Mitchell Allen began to develop his strong work ethic by taking on several jobs. In addition to working hard at his newspaper route, Mitchell Allen began volunteering at a summer day camp for teens and adults with developmental disabilities. He spent several summers volunteering, and thus began a lifetime of serving people.

Mitchell Allen Bayes went on wrestling scholarship to Wilbur Force University after high school attending for one year before transferring to Morehead State University in Kentucky, where he met his future wife, Colleen. They worked a summer job in Houston, TX, while on break from college, and during this time he experienced a dynamic salvation, met a group of dedicated Christians, and he and Colleen began their life as a married couple. They spent those early years of marriage in Houston, Irving, and then eventually settled in Huntsville, TX with their family, which by this time included four children. During those years, they gave themselves to the pursuit of building a relationship with the Lord, with their family, and with the dear believers they grew to love through fellowship and service. Mitchell Allen also worked tirelessly to support his growing family doing any job he could while earning his teaching degree in special education from Sam Houston State University. As a special education teacher, he continued his studies, eventually completing a graduate degree to

work as a diagnostician.

In 1993, Mitchell Allen and his brother opened the school and residential program that became Bayes Achievement Center. The program continued to grow over the next thirty years, and many lives were changed because of his work, and the labor of the dedicated team of like-minded coworkers that helped make it possible.

In his final days, Mitchell Allen suffered physically, but never lost his indomitable spirit. He spoke frequently of things he wanted to do in the future, places he wanted to visit, and his family continued to be amazed by his grit and determination to continue enjoying life in spite of his infirmities.

Mitchell Allen Bayes is survived by his wife Colleen, their children Daniel (Rebecca) Bayes, Cassia (Cedric) Sanders, Monica (David) Criswell, and Bethany (Titus) Chow, his grandchildren Benjamin, Isaiah, Aaron, Samuel, Nathaniel, Elora, Titus, Judah, Brody, Noah, Asher, and Micah, and his mother-in-law Rita Scaife. He is also survived by his older brothers James (Beverly) Bayes, and Harold (Bobbie) Bayes, their children, and his dear cousins.

A memorial time will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 2:00 PM, at Bayes Achievement Center, 7517 Sam Houston Avenue, Huntsville, TX 77340. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

NOV **12**. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Bayes Achievement Center

7517 TX-75

Huntsville, TX 77340

(936) 291-3391

Tribute Wall



“ I knew him because he would always give me a hug

Jonathan Lehnert - November 16, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ Mitchell Allen Bayes

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.



November 15, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ Thank you so much for including a zoom component to the memorial service!
I agree with Cassia, it's difficult to sum up how precious Allen was to all of us.
"Therefore the Scripture says, "Having ascended to the height, He led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men." (Ephesians 4:8)
Allen was a captive of Christ and a God-given gift to men.
Love you all!
Amy Garcia

Amy Garcia - November 13, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 13, 2022 at 07:28 AM

RS

“ Dear sister Coleen,

We are standing with you and your family at this time.

Brother Allen really loved the Lord so very much. And in response to His great love, Allen fed His lambs, shepherded His sheep and fed His sheep. The Lord was Allen's daily life supply and enjoyment. This made Allen one with Him, the great Shepherd of the sheep and a channel of life to many others. We are so thankful to the Lord for His shepherding to us and to our family through brother Allen & you.

We pray that you and your family would be so supplied, strengthened and comforted by our indwelling, Organic Shepherd, day by day and moment by moment.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope in grace, comfort your hearts and establish you....,"
(2 Thes. 2:16-17).

May God Himself as grace establish and comfort you and your family with eternal comfort (by His divine life) and good hope (Christ in you, the hope of glory and His coming) in grace (in the supply and enjoyment of God Himself in Christ as grace).

The peace of God and of Christ be with you continually in every way. (2 Thes. 3:16).

*Love in Christ,
Rand & Angie Smith*

Randy Smith - November 12, 2022 at 02:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 11, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *I thank the Lord for the gift that Allen was to me and to my family. He knew us, loved us and always bore us before the Lord. His passing is a great loss. May the Lord comfort your family.*

Bethany Pedley

Bethany Pedley - November 11, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 11, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *The Kusch Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



The Kusch Family - November 09, 2022 at 12:18 PM

TF

“ *The Buonavita Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



The Buonavita Family - November 09, 2022 at 11:36 AM

MS

“ *Mason Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mitchell Allen Bayes*



Mason Stevens - November 09, 2022 at 10:25 AM

MS

“ *Words can not express the gratitude we feel towards Mr. Bayes and we are so fortunate to have been part of something much bigger than all of us!!!! Thank you for the life you have given me (us).
Forever in our hearts!!
Mason Stevens (student 2009-2019)
Lynn & Jeff Johnson*

Mason Stevens - November 09, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 09, 2022 at 10:11 AM

KV

“ *KY Cousins: Joyce, Eula, Karen & Valerie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



KY Cousins: Joyce, Eula, Karen & Valerie - November 08, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 08, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 08, 2022 at 12:37 AM

BE

“ *Words fall short but Tom and I want you to know that we, along with so many others, appreciated Allen's caring manner, fervent spirit, and care for others. Tom and Barbara Eidson*

Barbara Eidson - November 07, 2022 at 06:34 PM

FC

“ From the family of Cynthia Clinton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.



From the family of Cynthia Clinton - November 07, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.



November 07, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.



November 07, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.



November 07, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 07, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *DCP Midstream - SVC Tech Services Group purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



DCP Midstream - SVC Tech Services Group - November 07, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *"Sending You an Angel" Statue to Express Sympathy for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 06, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 06, 2022 at 09:17 AM

KF

“ Kevin Liu, Yana Liu & Liu's family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.



Kevin Liu, Yana Liu & Liu's family - November 06, 2022 at 01:15 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.



November 05, 2022 at 10:34 PM

DS

“ My sincere condolences to all the family of Mr. Bayes. As the parent of one of the students, I have been so thankful for his dream realized at Bayes Achievement Center. My son has learned so much academically as well as management and self regulation of behaviors. Mr. Bayes did not miss participating in school events and encouraging students and parents. Praise the Lord he is home where there is no sorrow or pain. Thank you for sharing him with my son and me. I will be praying for the family's loss during the coming season. He will be sorely missed at the coming Christmas program.

Debra Springer - November 05, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 05, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 05, 2022 at 02:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 05, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *It's really hard to put in words the support and care I received from Allen and Colleen during very difficult times. Besides doing all he could for my son at BAC, the supply of Christ they both ministered to me I will always be grateful for. Thank you Colleen. May the Lord Jesus richly bless and keep you and your family during this time and all the coming days until He returns.*

Michele Baldrige - November 05, 2022 at 11:00 AM

RF

“ *Mr. Bayes and BAC were a gift from God for our family. Our son Brandon attended BAC for 3 years and graduated in 2019. Mr. Bayes was amazing and his legacy of providing unconditional love and support to each student was a miracle to us and touched the lives of many. We will be forever grateful 🙏 God bless his family and may he rest in peace.*

Reed Family - November 05, 2022 at 10:47 AM

SG

“ *Very kind man. My condolences to the family.*

Sandra Gray - November 05, 2022 at 10:04 AM

RM

“ *Mitch and I worked together here in Conroe ISD at the Resource Center..he was a great colleague and loved the special needs students that we taught.. praying for God's divine comfort and blessings upon the many loved ones and employees of Bayes Achievement Center.*

Richard Lee Matlock, M:Ed - November 04, 2022 at 11:47 PM

KF

“ *Oh how I loved this precious friend, brother in Christ and amazing man!!! He was just the sweetest reflection of Christ. I admired him greatly. The work, the Lord used Mitch to start, will go on and continue to touch so many people in sweet ways, and those of us who knew him will continue to be blessed by the life he lived and the example he left us. I will see you again, my sweet friend!*

Karen Flournoy - November 04, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 04, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Mitchell Allen Bayes*



M. Hyvl - November 04, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mitch Bayes had a heart as big as Texas, and the organization, BAC, helped save our family when my son went through a couple of difficult years. His infectious smile and joi de vivre uplifted everyone who met him. I feel blessed knowing him and will always remember him w fondness.*

cynthia singleton - November 04, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 04, 2022 at 07:20 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 04, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 04, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 04, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 04, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mitchell Allen Bayes.*



November 04, 2022 at 10:50 AM