



Robert Alan Mitchum

March 19, 1963 - March 22, 2024

Robert Alan Mitchum of Blanchard passed away suddenly on March 22, 2024 at the age of 61 years and 3 days. Rob was born on March 19, 1963 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to his loving mother, Judy Williams. He was the second of 3 children, his older brother Mitch and little sister Missy. Their lives changed when Judy married Bobbe Hughes, and the new family would find themselves living in Colorado Springs and then in Florida before finally settling back in Oklahoma City surrounded by his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Rob held many memories of life at Grandpa and Grandma Williams' and reminisced on them often, especially the stories of the cousins filling the house and yard that he shared frequently. Throughout his time growing up in Oklahoma City, Rob attended Capitol Hill High School, with his best friend, Andy Middleton. The two of them would spend time together, having fun, ditching school, and sometimes getting into mischief. Then, one Monday, Rob went to school and tackled Andy down between the vo-tech buildings and told Andy he had done something incredible over the weekend, he had been baptized the day before, on February 9th, 1981. The faith that Rob received that day carried him through each day of his life. He was often heard praying for his children, and the most cherished memories are in his final days when Rob used what precious time he had left to pray with his children and seek God's mercies. Later that year while at church, Rob met what would become the love of his life, Patricia Henderson, and if you ask Patricia, it was truly love at first sight. On July 31, 1982, surrounded by their friends and family, Rob

and Patricia began the adventure of a lifetime as husband and wife. They started their lives in a modest trailer on Patricia's parents land in Blanchard, Oklahoma, but it wasn't long before life took them to Tulsa, where they discovered what their lives were missing when they welcomed their first child into the world, Erin Elise in 1986. They lived in Tulsa for 3 years, until they returned to Blanchard and settled in Moore in 1991. It was there that they TRULY saw what their lives had been missing when they welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Riley Baxter in 1994. Because they always knew that Blachard was home, in 1999, they returned to the very same spot where they began their lives together. It was here that they built what would be their forever home. Throughout his life. From the age of 15, when he got his first job at TG&Y, he discovered that success was dependent on hard work. Throughout the years, he carried that wisdom to every job. In 1989 he began his career at Reel-O-Matic where that same hard work led him to become Vice President of Production. In 2004 he was able to embark on a mid-life retirement and dedicate his time to the people he valued the most, his family. He spent 6 years at home making memories with Patricia and the kids before he decided to rejoin the workforce at Tinker Air Force Base in 2010. As hard as Rob worked in his life, he played even harder. He was convinced that his greatest accomplishment in life was becoming the proud father of his two beautiful children. This feeling was only magnified when Erin married her best friend, and Rob and Patricia welcomed their new son, Jason James, on July 7, 2007. It wasn't long before their family continued to grow and Rob got promoted to Papa with the addition of Jason and Erin's children, Elijah Cayden in 2010 and Isabel Marie in 2016. This new title was one that Rob would hold dearly, but he did always try to convince the kids to call in Grandfather Sir instead. Adding to Rob's joy, Riley found his true love, and Rob and Patricia welcomed their new daughter, Ireland (Irvin) Mitchum at their wedding on October 7, 2017. The growth of their family continued when Riley and Ireland added Tilly Rain in 2021. Rob had a talent for making even the smallest moment a cherished memory. Some of his favorite things to do were

going on vacations, movie dates, and enjoying dinner around the table every Saturday night with his whole family. He loved having special movie dates with his family, whether he was taking Erin to see the newest Jurassic Park, or Riley to enjoy the newest James Bond movie, he was always ready to show them the very best time, and never missed an opportunity to splurge on candy and popcorn, and always a pickle! He also cherished spending time with his nieces and nephews, and took his title of "Uncle Rob" very seriously. Their home was often filled with kids that he loved and treated just like his own, and he was all about the excitement of a good movie night, where there were always snacks, and the kids would all way eagerly to see who he would pick to call the official "break time." Throughout their marriage, Rob and Patricia always had plans with Beth and Andy, famously dubbed, "The Middleton's." No matter how far apart life took them, they loved to bring their families together as much as they could. Rob and Andy's friendship began in 7th grade, and only grew from there. They stood by each other as each of them got married, and celebrated when their families grew, and this bond proved to be lifelong as Andy stayed by his side until the very end. Rob was a family man through and through. He cherished every moment he was able to spend with them and loved to spoil them. Papa was Eli's best friend, he loved teaching Eli everything he could, they started out making Pinewood Derby cars, and recently put the finishing touches on a little Ford Ranger that he taught Eli to drive. Isabel was his movie girl, they would stay up too late and cuddle on the couch, and he was always ready to sneak a midnight snack, and she loved to tackle him with hugs and kisses. Tilly and Papa shared a special bond, he taught her just how to give the best "Papa Hug," and he was the only person she would slow down and cuddle with on the couch. Rob was an honest, generous, thoughtful, and sentimental man by nature. He was a beloved husband, father, son, grandfather, uncle, nephew, and cousin. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobbe Hughes; father-in-law, Perry Henderson; mother-in-law, Mary Henderson; sister-in-law, Kathleen

Henderson; two nieces, Lora and Becca Poulson; and two great-nephews, Hayden and Chebon Chick.

Robert is survived by the love of his life, Patricia Mitchum; mother, Judy Hughes of Oklahoma City; daughter, Erin James, and her husband, Jason, of Blanchard; son, Riley Mitchum, and his wife, Ireland, of Blanchard; three grandchildren: Elijah, Isabel, and Tilly; sister, Melissa Creech, and brother, Mitchell Mitchum, both of Oklahoma City; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Liz and Darell Poulson, Rick and Robin Henderson, Richard Henderson, Roy and Brenda Henderson; his dearest friends, Andy and Beth Middleton; several nieces and nephews whom he loved and treated like his own children; and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Thursday, March 28, 2024 at the General Assembly Church of the Firstborn in Newcastle. The burial will follow at Blanchard Cemetery. www.wilsonlittle.com

Tribute Wall

KV

“ *Gone but not forgotten, may you rest in peace.*

Kenny Vo - April 10, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *You and your family are in our prayers. I truly understand what a hard time this is.*

Pablo Jr. & Amanda Balbantín - March 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *So thankful for his life and legacy!*

Gina (Williams) Bowser - March 27, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Rob was such a great man. I'll always remember the kindness he showed me throughout my life. Love you cousin. .*

Joseph Majors-Hardee - March 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ *When I knew you back in the day I thought you were a quiet person. What I see of this information about your life, you were just an amazing man and brother in christ. We shared the same birthday my brother. Breaks my heart to know that you are gone. But you are on a new adventure now and the Good Shepherd is leading you hand in hand.*

Chris Irvin - March 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *I love you uncle Rob you will be missed so much*



Morgan Chick - March 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Words cannot begin to express how sad I feel. Rob was the best cousin, and my first best friend. The world lost a great man.*

Joanna Myers - March 26, 2024 at 12:00 AM