



## James Elmer Mitchell

November 26, 1923 - February 22, 2015

James E Mitchell On February, 22, 2015 James E Mitchell went to join Carolyn, his beloved wife of 52 years who passed away in 1999. Jim and Carolyn were young sweethearts during WWII and married after he had a distinguished military career as a pilot with the Army Air Corps. Jim flew the training missions for the navigators and bombardiers for B17's. After his honorable discharge, Jim joined the Air Force Reserves retiring as a Major. Jim, his wife and their daughter Laura lived in St Louis for many years where he worked as an aeronautical engineer for McDonnell Aircraft and later in a supervisory position with the US Army Aviation and Surface Material Command until his retirement. Jim's passions were trains, planes and automobiles. He and Carolyn were avid fans of motor racing in and around St Louis and were Lifetime members of the St Louis Auto Racing Fan Club. They would travel to races and sit for hours watching the cars, pit crews and goings on often times through their many pairs and sizes of binoculars. Although Carolyn had to learn to love car racing, their love and devotion to each other made them want to spend each and every day together. They both had a love for the historic Coldwater Cemetery in Florissant where Carolyn was buried and waiting for her pilot. Jim was the cemetery caretaker for over 20 years and Carolyn was proud that her DAR organization was charged with the cemetery's legacy. Carolyn had been an active DAR daughter and Jim was happy to be the devoted HODAR (Husband of DAR). In 2008 Jim moved to Germantown TN to be closer to his daughter, Laura and son-in-law Steve

Veesart, both of whom he leaves behind. He was a resident of Germantown Plantation Senior Living and a member of St Mark's United Methodist Church. Jim was also an active participant in the Germantown Kiwanis Club attending most every weekly meeting for 7 years.

Visitation Saturday, Feb. 28, 10 AM until Funeral Service at 11 AM at St. Andrew UMC, 3975 N. US Hwy 67, Florissant, MO. Interment Coldwater Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Andrew UMC or charity of your choice. Online guestbook at [www.hutchensmortuary.com](http://www.hutchensmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Coldwater Cemetery

Florissant, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew United Methodist Church  
3975 N. Highway 67  
Florissant, MO

## Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Laura and family, we first met your mom and dad some 40 years ago, we guess, after joining the St. Louis Auto Racing Fan Club. While living in St. Louis then, we did numerous racing-related activities as a group and they were always a pleasure to be around.*

*We enjoyed knowing them both and will always have fond remembrances of them, remembrances that will always be with us.*

*Joe and Yvonne Jennings*

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**Joe Jennings** - February 26, 2015 at 07:41 PM