



Mitchell John Cotrone was born in Chicago on January 15, 1935. He passed on to his heavenly home on April 27, 2022. Mitchell gave his heart to Jesus at age five, was sanctified at age seventeen at a church camp in Wisconsin and determined to follow Jesus wherever He would lead. He spent his life pastoring and mentoring younger pastors in the US and on the mission fields of Colombia, South America (1970-1992) and Haiti (1998-2002). At the time of his death, he was an ordained elder in the Wesleyan Church for 65 years.

Mitchell married Ella Roland in 1957 and they had one son, Gregory Paul. During their ministry in Colombia, they adopted two children, Joe Anthony (Tony) and Rosella Esther. Mitchell became fluent in Spanish and fervently carried the Gospel throughout the Andes mountains. As well as mentoring young pastors, Mitchell worked as printer in the mission bookstore. He built what would become the largest Wesleyan Church outside of the US. Ella developed cancer and went to be with the Lord in 1991.

Janice Cooper, a missionary nurse serving in Haiti, and Mitchell were married on July 6, 1996. They returned to Haiti for four years. Two young Haitian brothers joined the family, Philip Joseph and Joshua John. Mitchell quickly endeared himself to the Haitian people and was a model worker. After coming back to the US, the Cotrones pastored Hope Wesleyan Church in Naples, Florida for six years, working diligently to establish Haitian and Hispanic congregations alongside the English believers. In 2008 Mitchell retired and the family moved to Mansfield, MO. Mitchell continued to fill pulpits when needed. During the final months of his life he continued to share Jesus with caregivers who came to his home.

Mitchell was preceded in death by his parents, Nunzio and Loretta (Nanna) Cotrone, sisters Rosette Brunner and Carmella May, brother Nunzio Cotrone, and his first wife Ella (Roland) Cotrone. Mitchell is survived by his wife, Janice (Cooper), of 25 years; children, Greg (Veneice) Cotrone, Tony (Janelle) Cotrone, Rosella Gallo, Philip and Joshua Cotrone; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews, and a host of dear and treasured friends. Burial was in the Mansfield MO Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY OF HAITI: SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDIES Project: WM06-1420, Global Partners.