



Earl W. Mitchell

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Earl W. Mitchell, Sr. 82, passed away peacefully at his residence in Milton, DE on April 14, 2012 with his wife of 62 years, Rosalie and his children at his side. He succumbed to cancer after a courageous year and a half long battle.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Clarksville, DE on August 20, 1929. After his father's sudden death a few years later, he would be raised by his grandfather, Carl LeKites, probably the most influential figure in his life. He was raised in Bridgeville where he attended Bridgeville High School and excelled in sports. He was coached by another respected mentor, Mr. Filmore Clifton. After graduating he joined the Air Force serving his country from 1948 to 1952, primarily stationed in Europe.

Mr. Mitchell and his wife Rosalie later settled in Newark, DE where they raised their family of five children. He had a lengthy career with Thiokol Corporation in Elkton, MD as a Program Manager prior to retiring in 1989.

He was well known as a friendly guy committed to his family and community. He was a voracious reader and thinker who loved to tell stories about people he had known and respected. He enjoyed a long retirement and traveled extensively with his wife; and particularly enjoyed their ten years or so traveling across the country with their motor home friends.

In addition to his wife Rosalie (Nichols) Mitchell, he is survived by his children, Susan Hopper and her husband Gerry of Millsboro, DE; Linda Stromer and her husband Steve of Lynchburg, VA; Janet Mitchell and her partner JR Bradley of Bridgeville, DE; Earl Mitchell, Jr. and his wife Jeannie of Rising Sun, MD; Benny Mitchell and his wife Kris of Lewes, DE; ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE where friends may visit between 1:00 and 2:00.



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Interment with full military honors will follow at Bridgeville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or Grace United Methodist Church, 330 East Church Street, Millsboro, DE 19966.

Please visit Mr. Mitchell's Life Memorial webpage to sign his online guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com

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WW

Wayne And Anne Wilberding posted:

We were saddened to hear that Earl's courageous battle has ended. We offer our sincere condolences and are remembering him in our prayers.

April 20 at 8:00 PM

MA

Michael Asplen posted:

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

April 20 at 8:00 PM

AH

Angela Hodgetts posted:

My most sincere condolences to the Mitchell family. I've heard many wonderful stories about Earl Mitchell Sr. May these memories help you find peace.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

JG

Jim & Linda Glod posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a man that was fun to be around and always made people feel special. We worked with him for about 10 years at Thiokol. His legacy will live on thru his family. May God grant each of you peace and comfort. You will be together again. God be with you. Jim and Linda Glod

April 17 at 8:00 PM

SC

Sandra Casanova posted:

I am so honor to have met Mr. Mitchel. He was the first person to welcome me to the neighborhood and he always wave his hand in greeting when we saw each other. I will miss seeing him picking up the mail or walking around the yard.

April 17 at 8:00 PM

DB

Dick & Ruth Bourdon posted:

The world has lost a wonderfulman and we have lost a great friend. Our sympathies and condolences go out to his family and Rosalie. We miss his humor and stories. Dick & Ruth Bourdon

April 17 at 8:00 PM



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HM

Harry Miller posted:

Benny, My sincere condolences to you and your family. May the fond memories of your father live in your heart always.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

DL

Don & Jean Lushis posted:

We are thinking of you and your family. We will keep Earl in our prayers.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

WS

William Slade posted:

My sincere condolences go out to Earl's family. I have many fond memories of working with him at Thiokol.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

BG

Barry And Tammy Gregg posted:

It was an honor to know Earl. We worked and traveled together for business at Thiokol. I will miss his great sense of humor and his love of family - he talked about family at length during our travels together. We will all miss him. Barry

April 16 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Earl W. Mitchell, Sr..

April 16 at 8:00 PM

SW

Susan (Harrell) Whaley posted:

Linda, Janet and Family, I was so sorry to hear about your Dad. It is so hard to lose a parent. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Susan (Harrell) Whaley Sebastian, FL

April 15 at 8:00 PM



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TB

Tom Boettger posted:

my condolences to the Mltchell family....a difficult time. Hls memory will live on in all who knew him....

April 15 at 8:00 PM

GS

Georgia Stromer posted:

My sincere sympathy. Mr. Mitchell was a very loving husband and family man. He was so kind and friendly.

April 15 at 8:00 PM

BL

Bob And Joanne Lord posted:

Somehow Earl's passing seems so surreal. Like it can't be true yet it is true. Sympathy and condolence just doesn't seem to be enough. He was a really good friend and we will sorely miss him. Rosalie, save a hug for us. We'll collect it next trip to Delaware.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Earl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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