



William "Bill" Gerald Mitchell

September 12, 1943 - October 5, 2019

William "Bill" Gerald Mitchell, 76, of Blakesburg, Iowa passed away on October 5, 2019 at MercyOne Des Moines Medical Center. He was born September 12, 1943 in Centerville, Iowa to Ralph Conner and Wilma M. Starr Mitchell. In 1961, he graduated from Bloomfield High School and a year later he married Edna Fern Jones on April 22, 1962 in Davis County, Iowa. The couple had two sons; Danny in 1964 and Sam in 1966.

Bill worked as a mechanic for area John Deere Dealerships for over 40 years. In his free time, he enjoyed going to auctions, woodworking, camping, and tinkering in his garage on lawn mowers and tractors. He especially loved spending time with his family. Bill served on the Blakesburg City Council for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Fern Mitchell; two granddaughters, Dakota Mitchell of Centerville, Iowa, Autumn Mitchell of Moulton, Iowa; two grandsons, Cory (Brittany) Bedford of Oskaloosa, Iowa, Dakota Lee Evans of Moulton; brother-in-law, Eddie (Karin) Jones of Weslaco, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Jean Mitchell of Bloomfield, Twila Jones of Newton, Iowa; two daughters-in-law, Donna Drummond of Centerville, Stacy Mitchell of Moulton; several nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Danny and Sam Mitchell;

grandparents, Tom and Thelma Starr, Orly and Josephine Mitchell; great-grandparents, Sam and Stella Johnson; brother, James Mitchell; sister, Nadine Richmond; brothers-in-law, Glen Jones, Dale Jones; sister-in-law, Ruby Cormeny; and father-and-mother-in-law, Herbert and Pearl Arnold.

Memorial services will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Bill Eakins officiating.

Visitation will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday with the family present to greet friends from 5:00 p.m. until the time of the service. A memorial has been established to the Blakesburg Historical Preservation Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

OCT 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

OCT 8. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Gerald Mitchell*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *I always enjoyed talking to Bill, since we both had a love for John Deere and Wheel Horse garden tractors, and Ferguson and Massey Ferguson tractors. A really nice guy. I used to stop in Blakesburg if I'd see him out working on his machinery lot. My sympathies to the family.*

Irv Slagter

Irvin Slagter - October 13, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ *I met Gerald a long time ago, in fact, he and Fern were still dating. ~Gerald, Fern, and Jimmy, and I spent a lot of time around their kitchen table playing 10 point pitch. To be truthful, ~that was about all we could afford at the time. ~But the memories of those Saturday nights, ~are indeed priceless. ~*

Gerald Mitchell was a kind, ~and wonderful man, ~with an unforgettable smile.~

~As the years pass by, ~the love for my Iowa family grows stronger and stronger, as for~

Gerald and Fern, ~remember always, ~you both will be a part of that family!!

Brenda (Johnson) Herr

Brenda - October 08, 2019 at 07:24 PM

GB

“ Gary and Corrie Baker purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of William "Bill" Gerald Mitchell.



Gary and Corrie Baker - October 07, 2019 at 07:10 PM

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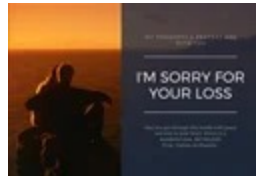
“ With love: Dale and Patty Rowland purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of William "Bill" Gerald Mitchell.



With love: Dale and Patty Rowland - October 07, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ My most sincere thoughts & prayers are with you and all loved ones of Bill Mitchell during this time. May you forever cherish the good times with this wonderful man!



Nathaniel Al-Khanfar - October 07, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Gerald Mitchell.*



October 07, 2019 at 09:40 AM