



Donald F. Mitchell

September 9, 1931 - June 29, 2022

Newington, NH – Donald F. ‘Mitch’ Mitchell, 90, of Newington, passed away peacefully on Wednesday June 29, 2022, after a period of failing health. His loving wife Pat and daughter Jennifer were by his side. Mitch was born in Beverly, MA, on September 9, 1931, to the late Harry D. Mitchell, Sr. and the late Alice (Neal) Sangster. He was one of eight children

Donnie graduated from Beverly High School with the class of 1950. He was a Korean War veteran, serving with the US Air Force. His post-military working career began with the White Barn in North Beverly, a well-known landmark established in the 1960s. After moving to New Hampshire in the late ‘70s, he owned and operated a landscape and asphalt paving company before establishing North Hill Nursery and Hearth Shoppe in North Hampton, which he owned and operated with his wife for 24 years, before retiring in 2014.

He shared 44 years of marriage with Patricia J. (Sullivan) Mitchell, the love of his life and best buddy. He lived a life working hard but also had the gift of playing just as hard. He spent 30 plus years at their camp in Maine, fly fishing in the great north woods, and wintering in Tortola, BVI, Sarasota, FL and Naples, FL. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by all that knew and loved his larger than life spirit.

In addition to his wife, he leaves four daughters, Robin Delaney of Topsfield,

MA; Kim Costas of Middleton, MA; Sherry Murphy of Beverly, MA; Jennifer Mitchell and life partner, Burk Daggett of Redmond, OR; his sister Dorothy Crete and husband Andy, of Bedford, NH; the mother of his children, Jeannette Mitchell of Beverly, MA; eight grandchildren, Orest Manzi and wife Lia of Marblehead, MA; Mitchell Delaney of Kittery, ME; Brendan Delaney and wife Melissa of Georgetown, MA; Kyle Braude of Boise, ID; Whitney Owens and husband Matt of Prineville, OR; Alex Costas of Portland, ME; Danielle Costas and life partner, Dave of Middleton, MA; Rachel Murphy of Medford, MA; five great grandchildren, Hayden, Liam, Olivia, Zoe and Wilder; and many nieces and nephews. He also is survived by his sister-in-law Gail Petroccione and husband Joe of Danvers, MA; and brother-in-law John Sullivan and wife Stephanie of Silver Spring, MD.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter Lorna Mitchell, grandson Matthew Murphy, five brothers and a sister.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 A.M., Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at the North Beverly Cemetery, 685 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. A celebration of life will be held on September 11, 2022 from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. at the Grill 28 on the Pease Golf Course at 200 Grafton Road, Portsmouth, NH. In lieu of traditional remembrances, donations may be made by clicking here to the Alzheimers Association (<https://www.alz.org/nca/donate>) or by mailing to P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. Assistance with the arrangements was by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 6. 11:30 AM (ET)

North Beverly Vemetery
685 Cabot Street
Beverly, MA 01915

Celebration of Life

SEP 11. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Grill 28
200 Grafton Road
Portsmouth, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald F. Mitchell*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *My heart goes out to all who loved Donny. He was so full of life and brought joy to all who knew him. He worked hard and played harder. He loved his girls and they adored him. Patty you got the best of him and he of you. You built a beautiful life together and lived it to the fullest. You gave him the best care and I pray that in the days and weeks to come you will be comforted by the memories of the love and life you shared together. He will bill missed by many. God Bless 🙏❤️*

Kathy Tamilio-Awed - July 06, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Mitch was an overcharged human! His energy and vision were gigantic. I believe he influenced and provided hope and opportunity to many. Feeling so sad for those who cannot be in his big presence on the planet any longer.*

Cindy Kamberelis - July 06, 2022 at 08:02 AM

JM

“ *Patty and Family I am so sorry to be reading this. Mitch was a larger than life example of a person that I always thought was too tough(or Stubborn) to pass away. I will always remember the the long hard days You and Mitch would put in. I could see in your faces as you entered Suds n' Soda how hard you both had worked each dayit was admired by many!!! Patty I am VERY SORRY for your loss..... Mitch I will miss seeing you....YOU TRULY EARNED THIS REST.....RIP YOU TOUGH OLD BASTARD!!!*

JAY MACKENZIE - June 30, 2022 at 03:31 PM



To my dear friend Mitchy I will miss you. Rest in peace

Nancy Kelley - June 30, 2022 at 10:26 PM

SB

*Dear Donnie,
Truly one of a kind,,funny,naughty,warm,kind,tough and devoted husband and father to 5 beautiful girls..the ultimate "girl dad"..many ,many happy memories are attributed to you ..as a kid I always say my favorite memories involved Mitchell's...up in Maine skiing with a gaggle of us teenage girls (god bless you!) in the winter and "up to camp" with your brother Win and Eddie's families on Sunset Lake. Larger than life and huge hole in the world now to be filled....not sure it will be. I am so sorry for your loss Patty,Robin,Kim,Sherry and Jennifer (and of course extended family), I am sure you and Lorna are catching up and telling some doozies up there! xo Love, Shannon*

Shannon Barror - July 01, 2022 at 11:36 AM

SC

*Dearest Robin, Kim, Sherry and Jennifer,
It has been many years since I have seen any of you but I am reminded of all of you almost daily when I drive past the house on the traintracks you had in Brownfield, which is 6 miles from where I now live. I look at that house and fondly remember the double bunk beds our Dads built to accommodate all of us. I vividly remember your Dad plopping whst seemed like 5 lbs of bacon in a giant pan and commence cooking it. I think it took an hour! Another favorite memory is of a Christmas float where Robin was Lady Liberty! It is tough to lose a parent but your Dad left an imprint on everyone he knew. He lived a vibrant life. May he rest in peace and he will live on in your hearts through all of the wonderful memories you have of him. Love to you all,
Sally Crofts*

Sally C. Crofts - July 01, 2022 at 07:12 PM

BY

*Patty, our sincere condolences. Donnie was such a great guy who could always put a smile an everyone's face. You two were great together and we had many fun times.
Our sympathy to the girls also*

Bob & Betsy Young - July 03, 2022 at 04:44 PM



*Patty & the entire family -
while over the last year or so, we knew this day was coming. But
knowing it makes it no easier. Mitch is at peace now.
I know how much you all loved Mitch, and he loved you all right back,
even more... I witnessed it and admired it! 'Larger than life' is a
common saying in these messages, but with Mitch it was so true. The
amount of knowledge that he had - and willingly shared, if you would
stop to listen - was amazing! Over the 8 years I had the privilege of
renting from you, the education I got was incredible! Every day, it was
something new!
And where he got all his energy, I wish I knew- despite my efforts, he'd
beat me out to working in the yard EVERY DAY!*

*And I loved watching the 2 of you together... especially when Mitch did
something that rubbed you the wrong way just a little bit... EVEN
THEN, you could tell just by watching you guys interact, just how deep
the love ran between the 2 of you.
Something else that was deeply admired on my end!*

*I hope it is all of the memories that helps you all through your loss &
grieving....*

Rest In Peace, 'Luigi'... you've earned it!!

Michael Kost - July 07, 2022 at 10:07 AM