



## Robert D Mitchell

August 2, 1910 - October 11, 2014

RYE—Robert Dale Mitchell, 104, of Rye, died at home Saturday, October 11, 2014. Born on August 2, 1910 in Worthington, Minnesota and raised in Madison, South Dakota, he was the son of the late Karl and Margaret (Steigleder) Mitchell.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State College in 1932 and a Master's degree in 1939 from Harvard University, where he was a Gordon McKay Fellow in sanitary engineering.

After graduation, Bob joined Malcolm Pirnie Engineers in New York City, specializing in consulting and design services in environmental engineering. Except for military service during World War II, he remained at MPE and its successors, becoming its Senior Vice President and Chief Engineer, until his retirement in 1975. He was an officer in several professional organizations and received numerous awards for his engineering achievements.

Bob and his wife moved from their home in Teaneck, New Jersey, to Rye in 1976. He became active in the community, volunteering his engineering skills to Strawberry Banke until 1985 and, in later years, volunteering at the Rye Public Library until 2005. He was a member of the Driftwood Garden Club of Rye and used his photography skills for slide presentations for the Rye Art Study Group. He pursued research in genealogy and was a member of the

New England Historical and Genealogical Society. He and his wife traveled widely before moving to Webster-at-Rye in 2004.

Bob was a talented woodworker, making numerous pieces of furniture, but was especially well-known for his bird and animal carvings, a hobby he pursued until shortly before his death.

Bob was predeceased by his wife, Carol Northrop Mitchell, in 2013.

He is survived by his son Robert B. Mitchell of Stratham; his daughter Constance Mitchell of Barnstead; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life for Bob will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 2-4 PM in the large solarium at Webster-at-Rye, 795 Washington Road, Rye.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Webster at Rye  
795 Washington Road  
Rye, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert D Mitchell*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your dear dad, Robert, who had been a great friend of my dad's - Angelo Ascioffa - while living at Webster's. He had meant so much to my dad, who had been very slow to make friends prior to moving to the retirement apartments. Dad was always talking to us about him, how talented and smart he was, how much he loved and cared for your mom, and how he managed to stay well, despite some obstacles that he overcame with such grace. He was a wonderful man, Robert and Constance, a dad you can be very proud to have had with you for so many years. I wish I had been able to attend your celebration of his life and offer our very deepest condolences on the loss of a good human being who left his mark on this planet! Wouldn't it have been terrific had my dad and your dad known each other when they were much younger? What a team they would have made! Our sincere sympathy to you and your family.*

*Stephen and Jackie Gacek*

Jackie Gacek - October 28, 2014 at 03:26 PM



“ *Nancy and Kevin Boyd purchased the Sweet Tra  
nquility Basket for the family of Robert D Mitchell.*



Nancy and Kevin Boyd - October 24, 2014 at 07:32 AM