



Basil H. Mitchell

June 04, 1932 - August 07, 2016

Basil H. Mitchell of Rustburg passed away on Sunday, August 7 at the Carrington in Lynchburg, VA at the age of 84.

Basil is the devoted husband of 56 years to Anne Marsh Mitchell. The couple built their life on East Ferry Road in Gladys before moving into Rustburg in the early 2000s. Basil and Anne have 2 daughters, Rhonda and Linda, who reside in the area with their families. Rhonda and husband Mike Scharnus have three children: Abby, Clayton, and Delaney; Linda and husband John Martin have two children, Kate and Mitchell. Basil was an adoring father and grandfather, and was equally admired by both his kids and grandkids. He is survived also by brother Preston and sister-in-law Lynn of Powhatan, sister-in-law Virginia Mitchell of Rustburg, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers Owen Mitchell and S.F Mitchell, and parents Sonnie and Alethia Bailey Mitchell.

Before his marriage to Anne in 1960, Basil was an avid minor league baseball player, sporting an intimidating 95MPH fastball. He pitched for the Goldsboro Cardinals 1951-52, the Allentown Cardinals 1955, and the Sioux City Soos in 1956. Basil served in the US Army in 1953-54. After an arm injury on the mound, Basil retired from baseball and spent a brief time as a VA state trooper. Following time with the state police, Basil spent 32 years at B&W where he retired.

Basil, better known to his family as Papa, attended hundreds of track meets, cheer competitions, golf tournaments, and baseball, softball, and football games over the years supporting his family. He was an enthusiastic hunter who loved his packs of beagles that he raised over the years, and most seasons out-shined his son-in-law John during deer season. Falling River Country Club knew him as a regular on the golf course, and he instilled a love for the sport in his grandsons - in particular Clayton, who continues to play for Longwood University. His grandson Mitchell pitches for Longwood University Club Baseball, and wears Basil's number 19. He taught each of his grandkids how to grow and pick the ripest tomatoes, and had a knack for growing especially hearty watermelon in his personal garden. He will be best remembered for his booming laughter, wearing his Virginia hat on the tip of his head, hosting practically county-wide stews with his counterpart Owen, jokingly catapulting his dentures straight out of his mouth at his grandkids, his potent Evan Williams & coke recipe, driving his truck, and for his simplicity, generosity, and love toward his family.

Anne, Rhonda, and Linda would like to express their sincerest gratitude toward the staff at the Carrington, where Basil resided since 2012 as he battled Alzheimer's. They provided excellent service and love to Papa (as he was widely-known) and his family. Don and Linda Marr, Pat Bell, Ann Jennings, and Nina Younger have been especially loyal friends to the family. Thank you all. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in memory of Basil to be made to the pursuits of his family: the Altavista Colonels Football Team and Rustburg High School Girls Volleyball.

The family will receive visitors at Heritage Funeral Service today, Monday, August 8 from 7-9:00

pm and at other times at their family residence.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 2016 in the chapel of Heritage Funeral Service, with burial to follow in Wesleybury UMC Cemetery in Gladys.

Events



VISITATION

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Heritage Funeral
Service & Crematory
427 Graves Mill Rd,
Lynchburg, VA 24502



SERVICE

2:00 PM

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Tribute Wall

R

Rose

My family and I are very sorry for your loss, we know how heartbreaking this can be as we also have been effected by a loss of a loved one. We always found this scripture very comforting in the Bible book of Revelation 21:4 God promises to put an end to death and anything that brings us pain and suffering. I hope your family finds comfort in these words. We would love to share more comforting scriptures from Gods word the Bible. Please feel free email us at nrvricks@gmail.com Sincerely, Rose R

J

Jeff Tucker



"Soft Glow"

was lit in memory of Basil H. Mitchell

❤️ [Light a candle](#)

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

M

Mollie Scharnus



"Candle of Memories"

was lit in memory of Basil H. Mitchell

❤️ [Light a candle](#)

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M

Mollie Scharnus

Dearest Mitchell Family, As you keep your father's love in your heart, remember you are surrounded by thoughts and prayers of support and caring. The Joe Scharnus Family



Tribute Store

Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.



"Enchanted Cottage"

was purchased for the family of Basil H. Mitchell

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Show your support with flowers

K

Kimberly Goff

To the family, We are sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to give us a call. Danny & Kimberly Goff

P

Pamela Dodgion

To the Family.....I was so sorry to see that Papa passed away. He was a sweet gentle soul. He had an amazing family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Pamela Dodgion, Former second shift CNA



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was lit in memory of Basil H. Mitchell

♥ Light a candle

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S

Sue Blackstock

Family, Basil was so very special and we love you all so much. He will be greatly missed. That laugh and sweet smile will never fade. He was blessed to have such a caring family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Edwin & Sue Blackstock



"Candle of Love"

was lit in memory of Basil H. Mitchell

♥ Light a candle

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

R

Ronnie Meneses

One great guyI have a lot of great memories from hunting, golf & your great stew. You will be missed my friend. RIP



"Candle of Peace"

was lit in memory of Basil H. Mitchell

♥ Light a candle

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"Rose Remembrance"

was purchased for the family of Basil H. Mitchell

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Basil w Mitchell

Basil you will be missed, thanks for all the memories and the namesake. Love Warren & Family
