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**Farrell J. Mitchell(1930 - 2015)**

Farrell J. Mitchell, 85, of Jacksonville, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 14, 1930, in Naples, the son of Farrell Edward and Lois Little Mitchell. He married Marilyn Todd on March 31, 1961, at First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, and she survives.

Farrell is also survived by four children, Sherri Mitchell of Jacksonville, Andy (Jennifer) Mitchell of South Jacksonville, Tim (Regina) Mitchell of Wildwood, Missouri, and Amy (Tom) McDonald of Elk Grove Village; six grandchildren, Gil, Laura, and Martha Maruna, Sean

McCord, Ava Mitchell, and Molly McDonald; one sister, Pat (Charles) Wrucke of Brookfield, Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

Farrell graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1948 and Western Illinois University in 1952, and later earned his master's degree from Gallaudet University. Farrell excelled at basketball and baseball as a high school student and went on to play minor league baseball with the Chicago Cubs organization while in college. Following his college graduation, Farrell enlisted in the United States Marines and served as a first lieutenant stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and in Puerto Rico during the [Korean Conflict](#).

Farrell worked at the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville for many years and held other positions with the State of Illinois in Springfield. He later worked as a senior marketing representative for Storage Technology Corporation prior to retirement.

Farrell was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville and had served as an elder. He was a life member of the Jacksonville [Elks Club](#) and was known as an avid Cubs fan. Farrell enjoyed golfing and had won several local tournaments. He also enjoyed visiting with friends at the Donut Shop. Above all else, Farrell cherished his family.

A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville. The family will meet friends following the service at the church. Private interment will be at Memorial Lawn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Presbyterian Church or the Jacksonville Food Bank. The Williamson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [airsman-hires.com](http://airsman-hires.com).

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