



Donald Gale Mitchell

September 19, 1949 - December 9, 2023

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend Donald Mitchell passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Don was born on September 19th, 1949 in Ft. Dodge, Iowa to Beryl and Marjorie Mitchell. The youngest of 4 boys, Don grew up in Houston Texas. While attending high school he met the love of his life, Marilyn and they have been together ever since. Don and Marilyn were married on July 7, 1969. He served in the US Navy from 1968-1972 on the USS Gudgeon submarine and achieved the rank of Quartermaster. After the Navy, Don began working in the crane business with his father. In 1982, he and Marilyn became owners of Mitchell Crane and over the next 40 years, Don was an invaluable member of the industry. He invented a belt-drive system for cranes and was awarded a US patent in 1985. In 1989 Don and Marilyn moved to Montgomery Texas. When Don became interested in olive oil, they planted a large olive orchard. The olives were harvested and the olive oil was bottled under their own label: Cottonwood Olive Oil. Don and Marilyn spent many happy years traveling to the far reaches of the globe. From Rome to Israel to South Africa, from China to Jordan; Don and Marilyn instilled a love of travel and adventure to their children and grandchildren. Don was a licensed boat captain and owned a sailboat and later, a cruiser which they sailed across the Gulf of Mexico to the Caribbean and back again; just one of their many adventures together. Don and Marilyn became members of Lakewood Yacht Club in Kemah Texas and in 2016 Don served as Commodore.

Throughout his life, Don's personality and wit endeared him to those who knew him. He was always ready to lend an ear when asked for advice, be generous with his time to friends and family, and to look for the humor in life. His unfailing support of those he cared about was as solid as a rock. We will miss his sense of humor and lively conversations on all manner of topics. He was one of a kind and will be missed dearly.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Beryl and Marjorie, and by his sons Joshua and Brian. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marilyn; daughter Juliet and son-in-law Malcolm Stokes, Grandsons Travis Stokes and Daniel Stokes and granddaughter Hannah Hawkins and her husband Daniel; great-grandchildren Quinn, Sawyer and Liam; brothers Robert Mitchell and wife Gail, Richard Mitchell and Mike Mitchell and wife Kathy; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

You may leave written memorials to his family at www.shmfh.com

Cemetery Details

New Montgomery Cemetery

Old Plantersville Road & 105 West
Montgomery, TX 77356

Previous Events

Graveside Service, New Montgomery Cemetery, Montgomery

DEC **28**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ I remember Donnie from Furr High School. He was a people person, and we all liked being around him.

I am sorry to hear of his passing. I send my thought, prayers, and condolences to Marilyn and his entire family.

May God grant the family comfort in this sorrowful time, and the strength to deal with the loss of their loved one.

Dennis Wiggins - January 03, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JS

Marilyn, Rose (Rosanne Stohler, class of 67, and I just learned of Donnie's death this afternoon. We are so sorry for your great loss. Reading his history makes it clear that you guys had a great life together and so much to be thankful for. You will be in our prayers. - Jimmy Smith

Jimmy Smith - January 03, 2024 at 06:30 PM

JM

*Marilyn, I was so sorry to hear of Donnie's passing. Your life with him was full and exciting. I pray those memories sustain you in the time ahead. You and the family are in my heart & prayers for comfort.
Janet Pierce Meschi*

Janet Meschi - January 04, 2024 at 11:02 AM

KB

“ *Kristine and Stephen Binford purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



Kristine and Stephen Binford - December 27, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



December 27, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



December 27, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



December 27, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



December 25, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *David Martin, Dennis & Patricia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gale Mitchell.*

David Martin, Dennis & Patricia - December 25, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



December 24, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Keith, Ann, Garrett and Alyson Pawlik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gale Mitchell.*

Keith, Ann, Garrett and Alyson Pawlik - December 24, 2023 at 04:10 PM

SM

“ Stevie and Amy Mata-Martin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.



Stevie and Amy Mata-Martin - December 23, 2023 at 07:51 PM

SM

“ Stevie and Amy Mata-Martin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gale Mitchell.

Stevie and Amy Mata-Martin - December 23, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.



December 22, 2023 at 01:46 PM

JM

“ Julie and Malcolm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gale Mitchell.

Julie and Malcolm - December 22, 2023 at 01:46 PM

BS

“ *Bobbie (Raedean) Schumacher purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



Bobbie (Raedean) Schumacher - December 22, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Gale Mitchell.*



December 21, 2023 at 12:23 PM

MH

“ *Marvin Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Donald Gale Mitchell*



Marvin Hyvl - December 18, 2023 at 10:25 AM