



Mr. Wilber L. Mitchell

October 12, 1929 - March 5, 2026

Wilber L. Mitchell, 96, of Lithia, Florida, entered his eternal rest in Heaven on 5 March 2026 to be eternally with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was born in Punxsutawney, PA, the home of the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. He was raised by his grandparents who were more like parents to him. "Mitch" also lived in Pittsburgh. At 16 years, he and his mom moved to Detroit. Life there was far different than living in the country, but he was content. During his high school days, he worked for a mortuary, setting up chairs for funerals and doing a myriad of other tasks. He considered being a director of a funeral home but, instead, with the influence of a high school teacher, he decided to enlist in the Navy after high school. After boot camp, he was sent to Bermuda. He found himself up in the "crows' nest"/mast of the ship during a storm. With the ship rocking and never having learned to swim, the first chance he had, he decided to join the Air Force instead. Discharged from the Navy in 1947, he immediately joined Air Force. He served during the Korean War. After his AF enlistment was complete, he moved back to Detroit and studied Engineering at Wayne State University. He worked as an engineer at "American Motor Parts/Lear Seigler" for over 25 years. It was also during this time that he met his beautiful wife, Mary. But upon the company's demise in 1980, he found another engineering position at "Hollingsworth on Wheels" in SC. He worked there until his retirement. Later, he worked at Saint Francis Hospital in SC in guest services, before he and his wife decided it was time to move to FL to be closer to family. Throughout his life he enjoyed baseball, bowling, and

watching the Dallas Cowboys on tv. He greatly desired all his children to love the Lord and serve Him. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Ida Bowman, his mom, Henrietta Kinal, sons Christopher and Kyle, and the love of his life, Mary. He is survived by daughters Sherry Wille (Billy White), Susan Duque (Louis Duque, Jr) and son Todd Mitchell (Coral Mitchell). He is also survived by 5 grandchildren: Damon, Tim, Alexandria, Joshua, and Sarah, and great grandson: Maddox. The family will honor the life of their beloved privately. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Alderman-Pelote Cemetery

Pelote Cemetery Road
Lithia, FL 33547