



Donald E. Mitchell

September 30, 1925 - November 27, 2012

ADRIAN – Donald E. Mitchell, 87, of Adrian, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at Grand Court.

He was born September 30, 1925, in Raisin Township, Michigan, the son of William John and Gladys (Dawson) Mitchell.

Don graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1944. During World War II, Don served his country from 1944 to 1949 in the United States Army, and was stationed in Germany. He then completed his education at Michigan State University.

On July 2, 1949, Donald was married to Virginia Bristoll in Jackson, Mississippi. Virginia, his wife of over 63 years, survives.

Don was elected as the Lenawee County Drain Commissioner in 1960, and continued to serve in that capacity for the next 36 years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Michigan Association of Drain Commissioners. A collector of antiques, Don could often be seen at auctions.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by their children: Douglas Mitchell of Palm Springs, CA; Roger (Stacy) Mitchell of Blissfield and John (Gloria) Mitchell of Palmyra; Diana Sauter (John) Turtura of Morenci and Julie Mitchell of Adrian; six grandchildren: Jason Kaser, Angela Borton, Cale Sauter, Sara Cyrus, Alex Mitchell, and Grant Mitchell; two great grandchildren; and his siblings: Marie Rathbun, Marjorie (Bill) Fetsko, and Ken (Eileen) Mitchell, all of Adrian. Also surviving is a very special family friend, Ruth Hantz.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Mildred Oossee

and Doris Luce.

The funeral service for Don will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Christopher Brundage officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Full military rites will be conducted by the Annis Fint Post #1584 of the VFW. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Don may be made to Hospice of Lenawee.

Condolences are welcome at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Visitation

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Mitchell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Don's long service in the Lenawee Drain Office is well remembered...his active membership in the Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners included a successful term as President, and major effort as Editor and Publisher of Pipeline in its mimeograph and Xerox incarnations...a model public official...Drainpeople were always glad to see him, and he has been and will be missed...Thomas E. Bletcher, Deputy Drain Commissioner, Washtenaw County, 1973-1976...*



Thomas E. Bletcher - November 30, 2012 at 04:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall*



Christine Kroll/forAdrian Farmers Market - November 30, 2012 at 02:53 PM

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Christine Kroll/forAdrian Farmers Market - November 30, 2012 at 02:30 PM

PM

“ We were very saddened to hear of Don's passing. Don was a very well known, respected and loved man by many people. We pray that the family can find peace in knowing the Don is now in the loving hands of the Lord. The Mitchell Reunion will never be quite the same without Don. God bless Don and his family.

Pat and Tamara Mitchell

Pat Mitchell - November 30, 2012 at 10:40 AM

JK

“ Jason, Temira, & Makayla Kaser purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald E. Mitchell.



Jason, Temira, & Makayla Kaser - November 30, 2012 at 07:25 AM

MH

“ *Marlene Hontz lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Mitchell*



Marlene Hontz - November 29, 2012 at 08:47 PM

RB

“ *The Adrian Farmers Market has a lot of fond memories of Don being at the market the last few years. We will be praying for the family. We look forward to the family keeping up the tradition of being at the market for many years to come. Ruth Ann*

Ruth Ann Bourns - November 29, 2012 at 08:40 PM

MC

“The Michigan Association of County Drain Commissioners offers our condolences and remembrances of Drain Commissioner and our Past President, Mr. Donald Mitchell. We sent this notice to our Members:

MACDC Life Member

Donald E. Mitchell Passes

Services to be held Saturday, December 1st

Don Mitchell served as Lenawee County Drain Commissioner for 36 years, from 1960 to 1996. In addition to holding the office of MACDC President (1968), Mr. Mitchell served on the Association's Statutory Review Committee and was a frequent contributor to Pipeline magazine. He passed away on November 27th at the age of 87.

“Don was a strong voice for drain commissioners and worked tirelessly on drain code legislation in his roles as MACDC President and Legislative Committee Chair. He pioneered several important amendments, including the revolving maintenance fund and personal surety qualifications. I remember Don had a keen interest in the history of drainage technology and his office was like a museum of old tiles, photos and tools. He proudly represented the County that is the birthplace of Michigan's county drains.” - Mike Gregg, Michigan Department of Agriculture

Services for Mr. Donald E. Mitchell will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1st at the Wagley Funeral Home; burial follows at the Oakwood Cemetery. Don's family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 on Friday, November 30th.

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Obituary can be viewed at <http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Donald-Mitchell6/#/Obituary>

Michigan Association of County Drain Com - November 29, 2012 at 03:23 PM