



## William P. "Bill" Mitchell

March 27, 1942 - January 30, 2010

ADDISON – William P. “Bill” Mitchell, age 67, of Addison, passed away Saturday, January 30, 2010, at his home, under the loving care of his family.

Bill was born March 27, 1942 in Holloway, Michigan, the son of James and Dorothy (Bailey) Mitchell. He graduated from Blissfield High School with the Class of 1960 and went on to attend Adrian College.

On January 26, 1964, Bill married the love of his life, Ruth “Carolyn” Lloyd, in North Baltimore, Ohio. Carolyn, his wife of 46 years, survives.

Bill worked for Addison Products and VACO Tool in Jonesville as a purchasing agent. He then started Maple Leaf Financial Investments as an independent broker for Raymond James Financial Services.

Bill was an active member of the Addison United Church, serving on their Board. He served on the Addison School Board and the Maurice Spear Campus Board as well. He was a member of the Adrian Rotary Club and an active supporter of Ducks Unlimited where he worked on committees. For many years, Bill taught Hunter Safety in Addison, and shared his passion for the outdoors and hunting.

Above all, Bill was a family man. He looked forward to weekend gatherings,

and enthusiastically supported his grandchildren in sports and 4H.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by his children: Claire (Mike) Warner of Onsted; Laura (David) Boomer of Eaton Rapids; William "Pat" (Tamara) Mitchell of Addison; and Jennifer (Tom) Gaff of Shelby Township; 12 grandchildren: Jessica Nash, Nicole, Kelsey, and Carly Warner, Courtney, Alec, and Liam Boomer, Anthony Olson, Emily Olson-Fox, Ava Mitchell, and Mitchell and Lauren Gaff; sister, Mary Ann (James) Derby of Addison; and nephew, Jeff Derby of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, James, and niece, Marlene Derby.

At Bill's request, cremation will take place. A Celebration of Life honoring Bill will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Maurice Spear Campus Chapel with Rev. Bruce Jewett and Pastor Will Snyder officiating. Friends may visit the family at Wagley Funeral Home on Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Contributions in memory of Bill may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, Maurice Spear Campus, or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maurice Spear Campus Chapel  
2910 Airport Road  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *William P. "Bill" Mitchell*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Bill was the broker for my Mother's estate. He was a big help to me when she was no longer able to keep up with her account. We spent many hours getting her stuff in order. We had many conversations about you, his family. He loved you all! He will be missed..*

*Julie Brittain##imported-begin##Julie Brittain##imported-end##*

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February 08, 2010 at 02:04 PM



“ *To Carolyn & family.. We have prayed for Bill and each of you during his illness. We never know quite what to say at times like these, except.....May God bless and keep you, comfort you, and get all of you through this terrible loss. Bill will be missed by many.*

*Ron & Joan Deem##imported-begin##Ron & Joan Deem##imported-end##*

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February 08, 2010 at 01:25 PM



“ *I was going to try to make it to the funeral today, but my daughter was ill and didn't want anyone to catch it. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I am there with you today in spirit. He was a great man.##imported-begin##Angela Olson##imported-end##*

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February 06, 2010 at 11:49 AM



“ We will miss Bill deeply as he was a fine gentleman and a great friend to talk to. We trusted him immensely with any of our financial issues. Please accept our sincere condolences, he will be truly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Barbara Scherdt/  
Betty Ramey##imported-end##

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February 06, 2010 at 10:19 AM



“ Sadly, we are unable to attend Bill's service this morning as we had intended. I was so happy to find this means of adding our condolences to the many others posted here. It is no surprise that so many care so much. I fondly remember football, our senior trip and o'l "Skunk Butt" Michell. (email me for a picture of explanation) Bill was one fine man and will be sadly missed at our reunion in June and long after the fun has ended. Celebrate his life! I will.##imported-begin##Doug (Class of 1960) and Cathie Case  
##imported-end##

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February 06, 2010 at 09:20 AM



“ I do not know if it is customary for the son of the deceased to post on his own dad's site, but I wanted to thank all of the folks at Wagley Funeral Home. Each and every one of them made a very difficult time in our lives seem a little easier. We were treated with respect and compassion. Every detail was covered with very little stress. Thank you very much.

To mom. I am amazed by your strength. I will be needing to lean on you alot in the future. I Love You.

To the rest of the family. Thank you for all of the support you have given to mom and dad over the last few months. It means the world to me. I love all of you very much.

To Dad. I miss you very much. Thank you for being you. I Love You. Scout out the best deer stands for me for when I join you. Take care buddy.##imported-begin##Pat Mitchell##imported-end##

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February 05, 2010 at 11:06 PM



“ THERE WAS NOT A FINER FRIEND AS A TEENAGER TO ME THEN BILL MITCHELL. WE BECAME FRIENDS ABOUT THE AGE OF 14, @RAISIN CENTER FRIENDS CHURCH,DURING LOWELL SHREVE,S PASTORIAL TERM IN THE MID 50,s. SOFTBALL HAYRIDES, OVERNIGHTERS, SQUIREL HUNTIN, ALL CONSUMED OUR TIME TOGATHER. WE EVEN DID A COUPLE TRIPS TO WEBSTER SPRINGS- CAMP CEASER-CHURCH CAMP. FOR 5-6 YRS, WE DID A LOT OF THINGS TOGATHER, EVEN THOUGH WE WERE IN DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. I CAN STILL REMEMBER ONE EVENING WE HAD CAME IN FROM HIS DADS WOODS ,FROM SQUIREL HUNTIN, & BILL LEANED HIS RIFLE AGAINST THE BARN DOOR, AND WE BEGAN TO FEED THE ANIMALS, & ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE WAS A CRACK-CRACK, CRACKITY CRACK, AND BILL SAID -OH NUTS DAD FOUND MY GUN, AND EMPTIED INTO THE NIGHT AIR. FOR " JIM" HAD ALWAYS TOLD BILL "YOU BETTER NOT LEAVE ANY LOADED GUN IN OR AROUND THE BARN--SAFTY REASONS. CONSEQUENTLY BILL LOST 15-20 ROUNDS OF SQURIEL AMMONITIONS. "JIM NEVER EVEN ACTED LIKE HE KNEW WHO DID IT". BILL WAS SPECIAL ENOUGH TO ME AS A FRIEND THAT I INVITED HIM TO BE IN MY WEDDING. IT WAS AT DAMASCUS OHIO SOME 200 MILES AWAY. NONE THE LESS HE CAME AND HIS PICS ARE IN OUR WEDDING ALBUM.I REALLY ONLY HAD 6-7 YEARS TO BE AROUND BILL, BUT THE MEMORIES WILL LAST A LIFE TIME. I CAN RELATE TO YOUR LOSS IN YOUR FAMILY. RESPECTFULLY , GENE E. MORTON, DAMASCUS OHIO.--AGE 68###imported-begin##GENE MORTON###imported-end##

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February 05, 2010 at 09:33 PM



“ Carolyn and Family...just sending our thoughts and prayers to all of you. We have lots of fun picnic memories and more. Bill was a good guy with A Very Special Smile.##imported-begin##Mike and Barb Himburg##imported-end##

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February 05, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ Dear Claire and Jessica,  
I have been thinking of you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss and wish I had met your father/grandfather. All I have heard, he must have been a very good man. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I will continue to keep you in thought and prayer.##imported-begin##Kathleen Kane##imported-end##

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February 05, 2010 at 01:52 PM



“ Carolyn, Claire, Laura, Pat & Jenny: We are so sorry about your loss! All of you will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will wrap His loving arms around all of you and provide you with comfort and peace that only He can provide.##imported-begin##Rob Carmean##imported-end##

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February 05, 2010 at 12:57 PM



“ *Dave, Laura, Courtney, Alec and Liam*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and may the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Our hearts go out to you and your family. Always know you can lean on your friends for strength, and know you are loved and cared about.##imported-begin##Chris, Lucinda, Ryan, Ross and Stacey##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2010 at 11:42 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Bills passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May God help you thru this difficult time.*

*With deepest Sympathy*

*Margret Borders and Family##imported-begin##Margret Borders##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2010 at 07:08 AM



“ *I AM NOT AT HOME THIS WEEK BUT WANTED THE FAMILY TO KNOW HOW MUCH I ENJOYED BEING ON THE MAURICE SPEAR CAMPUS BOARD WITH BILL. HE WAS A FINE PERSON, HE WILL BE MISSED. YOU REMAIN IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. MARGARET NOE##imported-begin##Margaret Noe##imported-end##*

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February 04, 2010 at 08:37 PM



“ We will miss Bill's voice and help with our business. But also we always liked visiting with him about mutual friends, our relatives that he knew so well. We are former Addison-ites and so Bill had much to share. May your memories help in the days ahead.  
Sincerely, Jlggs and Marjorie Castle##imported-begin##Dennis and Marjorie Castle##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ Pat & Tamara,  
It is our prayer that the Lord will be with you in this time of loss. We are so sorry we did not have a chance to meet your father. He sounds like a great person from the out pouring of love from so many people. Please let me know if there is anything further that we can do. Pleae give our sincere condolences to your mother and family##imported-begin##Ed & Jeff Roth##imported-end##

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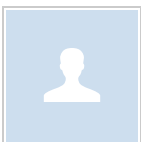
February 04, 2010 at 11:01 AM



“ I offer my sincere condolences. I am not sure if mom (Lois Ventz (Mitchell)) will understand, but I now she would be sadden to hear the news. May God hold the family in his loving care and gladly welcome Bill into his heavenly home.##imported-begin##Sallie Jordan##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 10:31 AM



“ We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Bill.##imported-begin##Pete and Brenda Walz##imported-end##

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February 04, 2010 at 07:20 AM



“ Dear Carolyn and family: We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Bill. He was a wonderfully caring man and it was a privilege to serve with him on the school board. Bill has left a great legacy to his family and we know that you will carry that on to the generations to come, along with those of us in the community and beyond. And remember that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". How glorious for Bill!! Remembering you all in prayer, Joel and Terri##imported-begin##Joel and Terri Hassenzahl##imported-end##

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February 03, 2010 at 11:50 AM



“ Our heartfelt condolences, Bill was not only an advisor and friend, but "family." I will miss our conversations about investments, relying on his keen insight, and our enthusiastic discussions about firearms. God bless and God speed Bill.##imported-begin##Bob, Julie, Tyler, & Jake Mangold##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 09:25 PM



“ Carolyn and children, Our tears fall quietly, our hearts grieve silently, but God hears our sorrow. May His infinite love, grace and compassion give you peace to carry you through this time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Pete & Chris Warner##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 08:45 PM



“ There are no words kind enough, loving enough or comforting enough to express the heartfelt thoughts that are with you in this time of sorrow. Your family is in our thought and prayers.##imported-begin##Barbara & Jerry Witt##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 02:53 PM



“ From Central Texas, I send profound condolences to Bill's family. As a 1960 Blissfield classmate and former "neighbor" on N. Grosvenor - I will remember Bill as a one of the "best of class".##imported-begin##Richard F. Culhane##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We were all blessed with Bill's presence. From hunter safety to coaching pop-warner football I have fond memories of a kind man.##imported-begin##Scott & Tracy Houghton##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 01:25 PM



“ I stopped my world today to remember you and your Dad.##imported-begin##Ann Gazlay##imported-end##

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February 02, 2010 at 08:44 AM



“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Bill.

*Even though Bill and I may have gone our separate way over the years, he was not forgotten. Bill and I went back a long way through High School and after, with too many stories to tell, Bill was a fine man and he will be missed.##imported-begin##C.E. "Chuck" Bakus##imported-end##*

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February 02, 2010 at 07:30 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of Bill's passing. He was such a great man! Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Angie (McLaughlin) Stewart##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 07:48 PM



“ Dear Mitchell family,

*So sorry to hear of Bill's passing!! He was the greatest financial advisor any one could have!! We will miss his sense of humor and his great stories about hunting!!*

*Take care and God Bless you!!*

*Elaine and Alvaro Rozo Bueno##imported-begin##ELAINE AND ALVARO ROZO BUENO##imported-end##*

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February 01, 2010 at 07:38 PM



“ Carolyn, and family. I was so very sorry to get Jane Ann's email this morning about Bill. What a truly wonderful husband, Father and Granddad. We will all miss him and his smiling face at family gatherings. I know he is in heaven with God and that makes us feel at peace, but I also know that you still want to hold him in your arms. Love you all###imported-begin##Jon and Becky Hiester###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 06:21 PM



“ Carolyn and family, Know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bill was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Now you have that guardian angel watching over you. With our deepest sympathy.###imported-begin##Marilyn, DeVon, Troy and Harley Davidson###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 05:35 PM



“ I met Bill when I began serving on Maurice Spears Board in 2000. It was an honor and I will truly miss him. But he lived life fully, was blessed with a great family and many friends and will never be forgotten. My sincere condolences.###imported-begin##Richard J. Fojtik###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 04:53 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a key figure in supporting Addison's athletics during my years there. I pray you will find comfort in God's peace and all of your memories.###imported-begin##Gary Houghton###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ Carolyn and family, we were sorry to hear about Bill. He was a wonderful man and helped to many with finances. I know he was a family man, which means the most. He will live on in heaven forever and he will watch over the family like a guardian angel. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Richard & Martha Burke##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 01:33 PM



“ Carolyn, and family. I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He is at peace now and the suffering is over. He will be patiently waiting for everyone else to arrive, just not too soon. He will now watch over you and your family. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. He was a friend to me and so helpful.##imported-begin##Louise Ehlinger##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 01:30 PM



“ We wish to express our sympathy in your loss and to let you know that our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Joey Richard & Kelley Wittenberg##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 12:56 PM



“ Pat and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are all here on this earth for just a little while. Often times it seems for to short of a time. I know you were close to your father and will miss him alot. It is so hard to watch and to help your dad go through a cancer situation as I did with my dad a few years ago but your father has not lost a battle, rather he has gained a victory. Our fathers are waiting for us in heaven and we know, with a certainty, that we will be able to run up to them again and give them a big hug as they welcome us to our final home. From Mary and I and the rest of us here at GLDS. God Bless###imported-begin##Bruce and Mary DeKam###imported-end##

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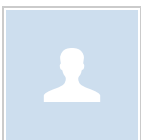
February 01, 2010 at 11:34 AM



“ Carolyn, what a journey it has been for your family! Although Bill has gone on ahead into the Kingdom of God, you will be together again one day. May God's Love surround you and give you comfort and peace until that day comes. I love all of you so much!  
Jane###imported-begin##Jane Carmean###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 10:26 AM



“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Keep in mind that your loved one is still close at heart and that no one can ever take away the precious memories you shared. If you need a friend (Dave and Laura) I am always there.###imported-begin##Kathy Brooks###imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ DEAR MITCHELL FAMILY,  
I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BILL'S DEATH. HE WAS THE  
SWEETEST MAN, WHO REALLY LOVED HIS FAMILY, WAS  
REALLY GREAT WITH FINANCES AND HAD THE GREATEST  
SET OF LISTENING EARS ANYONE COULD USE. I'LL MISS HIS  
HUMOR AND HUNTING STORIES TOO. GOD BLESS YOU, I'LL  
KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS LIKE I DID BILL. TAKE CARE.  
BARB SELL##imported-begin##BARBARA SELL##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 09:04 AM



“ DEAR MITCHELL FAMILY,##imported-begin##barbara  
sell##imported-end##

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February 01, 2010 at 08:58 AM



“ We are very sorry for loss. You will be in our prayers and  
thoughts.##imported-begin##Stacy and Beth Robinson##imported-  
end##

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January 31, 2010 at 09:12 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandpa, father-in-  
law, brother and most importantly a very great man. He always  
made everyone smile. May he fall asleep(hunt) in peace forever and  
always. Heaven gained a wonderful man....##imported-  
begin##Betsy Nieto##imported-end##

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January 31, 2010 at 08:45 PM



“ *My heart is filled with sorrow for all of you at this time...peace and love and outstretched arms.*

*Much Love and Support,  
Renee Boomer, Noah and Alden###imported-begin###Renee  
Boomer###imported-end##*

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January 31, 2010 at 08:02 PM



“ *To a dear dear friend. May God bless. Some day we will hunt the lands and fish the streams that God has set a side for all of us that love the outdoors when we are taken back home.*

*I will miss you till then.###imported-begin###john N Blank###imported-end##*

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January 31, 2010 at 06:16 PM