



William R. Mitchell

May 12, 1920 - December 21, 2015

William R. Mitchell, "Billie," died December 21, 2015, at his residence in Candlelight Cove in Easton, MD. He was 95.

Billie was born on May 12, 1920, in Boston, MA. He was the only child of William and Hazel Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell graduated from Tuft's University in Boston, MA, Magna cum Laude in Mechanical Engineering, in 1941. After college, he went to work for the General Electric Co. During WWII, he was a technical representative, assisting GIs in India and Saipan.

On August 19, 1944, he married G. Marion Mitchell. With the location selected by flipping a coin, they moved to Erie, PA, where they raised three children. Golf and boating filled the family's leisure time, along with backyard football and baseball. His work at G.E. was primarily in Engineering and the sales of various locomotives, both domestically and internationally. His final sale was for 300 of G.E.'s largest locomotives with China. He also introduced the G.E. diesel engine to the marine market. He retired from G.E. in 1982.

Billie and Marion moved to Easton on December 7, 1980. They took on various construction projects to enhance their piece of paradise: a boat house, family room, solarium, two bridges, and a gazebo (at age 85). Billie played golf three times a week, tennis once a week, and raced his sailboat every Wednesday night.

Billie went from very active to a wheelchair overnight at the age of 87. The illness and lack of cure was never clear to Billie. Marion passed away on June 9, 2007, and Billie moved to Candle Light Cove (CLC) shortly after. Billie spent his days writing in his daily diary, and at age 91, he documented his life in amazing detail in a book, *The Mitchell Story*. He also worked on a patent for a process to make pills taste better. The onset of macular degeneration and the loss of eyesight were devastating to his last years.

Billie, the businessman, sports enthusiast, and family man, was a passionate man who was full of integrity and life. He stood up for what he believed. He was not soft spoken and wrote many letters to U.S. presidents and world leaders. He was a thinker and creator who saw the world differently than most. He was a true engineer and innovator. Billie always reminded you to smile and have a little fun every day.

Billie is survived by three children, Judy Meister and her husband Richard of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Bruce Mitchell and his wife Lori of Arnold, MD, and Lee Mitchell and his wife Marilyn of Erie, PA; eight grandchildren, Leanne Falkenstein, Holly Galvan, Keith Meister, Gail Stone, Matthew Mitchell, Dara Mitchell, Lindsay Mitchell, and Bradley Mitchell; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Easton, 617 North Washington St., Easton, MD 21601 or Talbot Hospice Foundation, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton, MD 21601.

Tribute Wall



“ *William R. Mitchell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William R. Mitchell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Billy was a wonderful man. He loved his family and adored his wife Marion taking beautiful care of her until her death.*

After finding just the right place to spend the rest of his life, he moved into Candle Light Cove. He loved his new home and was quite popular among the residents.

Every now and then I would see him in an ad in a local publication praising the care given at Candle Light Cove. Thank you CLC for the great job you do for all your residents.

*Love to Billy's family,
Kathy and Ned Orme*

*P.S. We were duplicate bridge friends of
Marion and Bill at Talbot Country Club*

Katherine Orme - February 24, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ *Kim Honeycutt lit a candle in memory of
William R. Mitchell*



Kim Honeycutt - December 29, 2015 at 07:40 AM

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“ *Mr. Billie was a wonderful man, he will be missed every day at Candle Light Cove. He taught me a lot, he remembered everything including dates and times of all of his adventures. He was so intelligent, caring, and kind to all. I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to get to know him so well and I looked forward to seeing him every day. My prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. God bless you and thank you.*

Gale Mitchell

Gale Mitchell - December 23, 2015 at 01:41 PM