



Martin William Mitchell

February 22, 1940 - November 28, 2022

Martin W. Mitchell (Bill)

Our beloved father, Martin W. Mitchell, passed away in Richfield, Mn, on November 28, 2022, at the age of 82.

Bill was born in Front Royal, Va, on February 22, 1940, to Martin & Thelma Mitchell.

Immediately after graduating high school, dad joined the USAF in 1959 and enjoyed a successful military career as a TSgt (Technical Sergeant). Stationed overseas for most

of his military career in Fontainebleau, France, and Maastricht, Netherlands, working on

special assignment to NATO, Martin met the love of his life Maria A.

Groothausen from

Maastricht, Netherlands and the two married in Maastricht, August of 1962.

Returning

to the states in 1970, Bill finished his military career with an honorable discharge in

1971 to return to civilian life with Maria and their two children: Debra & Patricia.

After his military service, Bill had several jobs with reputable telecom companies

responsible for network planning, implementation, and management of company data and communication services. In 1979 he had an opportunity to work for the airlines and had a very successful career with Braniff International and Northwest Airlines. Northwest Airlines brought the family to Minnesota in 1983, where they resided in Edina. After the passing of Bill's beloved wife, Maria, in 2007, he moved to Richfield, Mn. in 2014.

Bill was an amazing father and lived a simple life, but he was not a simple man. For those who knew him, you knew his quick wit, sense of humor, passion for conversation, and a good debate. He was kind, compassionate, and sensitive and cared deeply about his family. He had a panache for poetry, writing, music, and photography and was an avid reader. He loved to strum his guitar and was quite a gifted singer. Above all, he was a GREAT father, husband, grandfather, and friend. People who met him were instantly drawn to him.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Debra (Mark) Hanson of Edina and Patricia Mitchell of Edina, and two grandchildren, Will and Tara. He is preceded in death by his wife (Maria), his mom, dad, sisters, and many friends who have gone before him. Visitation is Friday, December 16 at 10:00 AM, followed by memorial service at 11:00

AM at Washburn & McReavy Edina, 5000 West 50th & MN-100, Edina, MN 55436.

Burial will be a private service with family only. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be

made to the American Diabetes Association or the DAV: Disabled American Veterans

Charity.

Washburn-McReavy.com

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

5000 W 50th & HWY 100

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Martin William Mitchell.*



December 15, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *Bill and I are first cousins and grew up in Front Royal where our families often visited. I remember he saving his sister Shirlie when the car she sitting in started rolling down a steep hill. He ran after the car, jumped in and stopped it before any damage was done. We lost touch over the years because he joined the service and then moved away. We did reconnect after his Maria passed and later we met again at a family funeral. Phone numbers were exchanged and we had long conversations about life. I enjoyed so much speaking with him and so glad we were able to have that time. During those conversations, I felt I got to know more about the good and caring man he had become. I know he will be missed by all. To Debbie and Patricia please accept my deepest sympathy.*
Barbara.

Barbara Tribble - December 09, 2022 at 03:24 PM



Thank you, Barbara. He was an amazing father and will be greatly missed. Patty and I appreciate your kind sentiment and memory of our dad.

deb hanson - December 17, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin William Mitchell.*



December 09, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Bill was such a special person, he will be dearly missed. He liked to challenge me to interesting conversations, especially about the universe. I will miss his insights on different subjects. He loved his family, his girls and their achievements, and talked with affection of his grandchildren. He so missed his beloved Maria. My heart and prayers go out to his family. I am so sorry for your loss. Karin Akins and Family. (Friends since the time in Maastricht, Netherland)*

Karin Akins - December 08, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Martin William Mitchell.*



December 06, 2022 at 11:05 AM