



Glenn L. Mitchell DDS

December 15, 1934 - October 30, 2024

Glenn L. Mitchell, DDS, age 89, of Waukegan, passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at Green Oaks Senior Living, Libertyville. He was born on December 15, 1934, in Waukegan, to Samuel and Clara (Hauserman) Mitchell.

Glenn was a graduate of Waukegan Township High School. He attended the University of Wyoming on a football scholarship. Besides playing football, he also joined the rodeo team and was a proud member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He graduated with a degree in geology. After college, he worked for an oil exploration company and was stationed in Saudi Arabia.

Upon returning to the states, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Barbara (Pottala-Busch) and they married on August 7, 1964, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waukegan.

After marrying Barbara, Glenn started a second career, and graduated from the University of Illinois, Chicago Dental School. Then he, along with partners Dr. Leo Janks and Dr. Edward Sarsha, formed their dental practice in Waukegan (Janks, Mitchell, & Sarsha Associates) where they practiced dentistry together for many years. Glenn remained close to many associates and patients that he had the pleasure of knowing throughout the years.

Glenn was a proud Reservist of the United States Navy. He participated in his community and was an active member of the Waukegan Planning Commission for many years. He also enjoyed his long-standing membership of the Glen Flora Country Club.

In his retirement, Glenn enjoyed traveling to forty-nine states by RV with his wife, Barbara. He often served as her sous-chef as they cooked delicious gourmet meals for friends and family. He enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, and found a love for duck carving. Often using his old dental tools to carve, he became a talented wood carver. He won awards at a few contests and created beautiful, and treasured, ducks for his children and grandchildren. Left behind to cherish his memory: daughters, Cheryl (nee Busch) Miller (Tom), Nancy (nee Busch) Minarik, Linda (nee Busch) Drozdowicz; son, Glenn S. (Michelle) Mitchell; grandchildren, Valerie (Ryan) Granfeldt, Jocelyn (Thomas) Zeitzoff, Carly (Derek) Thornberry, Brek Minarik, Robyn Minarik, Traci Minarik, Jenna (Jon) Katz, Mitchell (Claire) Drozdowicz, Dylan (Samantha Samayoa) Drozdowicz, Danielle (JB) Vaught, Samantha Mitchell, and Glenn W. (Emory) Mitchell; thirteen great-grandchildren; sister Margaret Yergler; brother-in-law, John A. (Roselyn) Pottala; many nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to his parents, Glenn was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; his sister, Lois (Daniel) Roselle; brother Samuel (Margaret) Mitchell; and son-in-law, Tom Drozdowicz.

A celebration of life, to honor Glenn, will be held from 11am – 2pm on Saturday, November 16 at Austin's, 481 Peterson Road, Libertyville, IL 60048. Private interment will be at Highland Memorial Park, Libertyville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Samaritan's Purse at www.samaritanspurse.org or to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Austin's Saloon
481 Peterson Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Tribute Wall

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“ I've known Glenn and Barbara for a long time as we graduated high together. Ended up living in Berry Oaks Subdivision for many years. Good friends. Will miss him. Rip

Judy Musich - November 15, 2024 at 02:42 PM

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Correction . Graduated high school together

Judy Musich - November 15, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ Dr. Mitchell was one of a kind. Both as my dentist and as the dad to one of my best friends. He always kept everyone smiling with his jokes and pranks. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, but I know he had a great life.



Debbie Milks - November 12, 2024 at 06:21 PM

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“ The Hengeshes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Glenn L. Mitchell DDS.



The Hengeshes - November 07, 2024 at 07:35 PM

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“ Glenn Mitchell pulled my first baby tooth. He teased me into thinking it might be an ordeal. I was nervous and fearful as he readied his strong gentle hand on my wobbly tooth. He said, “Should I count to 3 before I pull it out?” I sobbed an “OK”. Then he smiled at me and said that wouldn’t be necessary. Like magic he opened his palm to reveal the tooth. To this day I don’t know how he did that magic trick, but I do know the warmth of his laugh and the twinkle in his teasing eyes has remained a sweet memory for me for over 60 years. Makes me wonder how many lives he touched with his playful yet competent abilities.

Lynn Olson - November 05, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Glenn L. Mitchell DDS.



November 05, 2024 at 08:37 PM