



Ronald Mitchell

July 18, 1925 - January 9, 2015

Ronald "Gene" Mitchell, 89, of Bourbonnais, passed away from natural causes on Friday (Jan. 9, 2015) at his home. He was born on July 18, 1925, in Olney, (Richland County), the son of Orvall O. and Sadie E. Mitchell. He was then raised in Westfield (Clark County). Basketball, track, band, plus Future Farmers of America and farm work were among his many activities in his earlier years. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, part of which was on a destroyer in the Atlantic, the USS Meredith DD-890. Gene graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. His life work included nearly 37 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service in the Columbus, Ohio area, then as an Illinois District Conservationist in the counties of DeKalb and Kankakee. While in DeKalb, he obtained a master's degree in business administration at Northern Illinois University. On Oct. 14, 1951, he married Ruby M. Johnson, in Hillsboro. They had three children, Stephen G., Thomas K., and Marilyn M. Mitchell. Ruby preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1991. On May 15, 1999, Gene married June I. Krause at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee, where both were members and in the same church school class. June's former husband, Walter E. Krause, had passed away in December of 1990. Her two sons are Dr. David E. Krause and Dr. Donald E. Krause, both of Bourbonnais. Gene taught adult church school class, served on church committees, sang in the church choir, served as president of Kiwanis Club of Kankakee, volunteered at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, and assisted in the classroom with the Adult Literacy Program at Kankakee Community College. Preceding him in death were his parents; all of his siblings, including a newborn, Betty Mitchell, James (Harriett) Mitchell, and Jeanette (Erwin) Duzan. Surviving are his wife, June; sons, Stephen (Betty) Mitchell, of Normal, and Dr. Thomas (Lisa) Mitchell, of Raleigh, N.C.; daughter, Marilyn (Horacio) Acevedo, of St. Anne; grandchildren, Isabel (Bernard) Sam, Heidi (Matthew) Duckworth, Quincy (Michelle) Mitchell, David Mitchell, Celeste Mitchell, Evonne (Leif) Johnson, and Aaron (Cathlin) Acevedo; great-grandsons, Solomon Sam and Ezequias Sam; great-granddaughter, Elisheba Sam; step-granddaughters, Dr. Rebecca (Trevor) Sierra, Dr. Sharon (Dustin) Molitoris, and Julie (Derek) Richardson; step-grandsons, Matthew Krause and Andrew Krause; step-granddaughters, Dr. Laurie (Michael) Gauthier and Emily Krause; step-great-granddaughters, Adelyn Molitoris and Maya Sierra; stepsons-in-law,

Dr. David E. Krause and Dr. Donald E. Krause; and very special family friend, Judy Krause. A memorial service will be held at an undetermined later date at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Gene's physical remains will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, but his soul and spirit live on. Please sign his online guestbook at schrefflerfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald Mitchell*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM

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“ *June, So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Linda and Tom Shamblin - January 21, 2015 at 06:48 PM

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“ *May the Lord bless you with peace and comfort. 1 Thessalonians 4 (NKJV) 13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

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Kalapp Family - January 19, 2015 at 01:13 AM

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“ Stephen And family Our deepest sympathies in your lost. May our lord give you the fortitude to accept it. God bless you and all your family Ruben Horna and Family

Ruben And Febe Horna and Family - January 18, 2015 at 08:55 PM