



Larry Kenneth Mitchelson

August 28, 1947 - June 2, 2024

Larry Kenneth Mitchelson, beloved husband, father, brother and dedicated educator, passed away suddenly on June 2, 2024, at the age of 76. Born on August 28, 1947 to Ken and Jane (Yandoh) Mitchelson, Larry grew up in Oswego, NY and spent many days during his youth working at the Mitchelson Dairy Farm.

After graduating from the State University of New York at Oswego, he devoted his life to sharing his passion for creativity by nurturing young minds as a public elementary school art teacher for 35 years in the Fulton (NY) School District. Affectionately known as “Mr. Mitch,” he earned the respect of multiple generations of students and the greater Fulton community as a teacher and gifted artist.

Larry's work ethic and commitment to the arts extended beyond the classroom. He frequently judged local art competitions, organized public art shows to proudly display his students' creations. He also collaborated with students to paint seasonal murals in the windows of businesses helping to foster a love for art in the community. An avid painter and wood crafter, Larry found great joy and peace in his artwork.

Outside of work, Larry played competitive volleyball and softball. Larry loved coming together with his best friends for a round of golf. He was known on the

golf course as "one-putt," a testament to his skill and love for the game. He was a loyal fan of the New York Yankees and experienced several magical moments at games, attended events to meet players and coaches past and present and collected memorabilia.

A family man to the core, Larry's warmth, humor and devotion to his loved ones were evident in all he did. His quick wit and sense of humor brought smiles and laughter to everyone who knew him. His family and friends will forever cherish the memories of his kindness, creativity, and playful spirit.

Perhaps Larry's biggest accomplishment was during his early college years when he summoned the courage to introduce himself to a young coed student, Dianne. Their love story of more than 55 years, has been a role model that many aspire to achieve. Dianne will miss him dearly. Larry is also survived by his two sons, Randy (Susan) and Kris; brothers Ron (Sarah), Steve (Sherry), and sister Cathy; niece (Emily), nephews (Matt, John, and R.J.) and his grand fur babies.

A graveside service will be held to honor Larry's life and legacy on Monday, June 10 at 10 a.m. at Oak Hill Burial Park, 4620 US Hwy 98 S., Lakeland, Fla. A reception will follow at the Citrus Woods Clubhouse, 1610 Reynolds Rd., Lakeland, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Larry's memory to the Larry Mitchelson Scholarship Foundation. The scholarship foundation was established at Larry's retirement in 2003 and helps high school students pursue their dream of higher education in the fine arts. Visit mitchelsonartscholarship.org for more information.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Burial Park

4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Oak Hill Burial Park
4620 US Highway 98 S
Lakeland, FL 33812

Tribute Wall

GF

“ Larry was a beloved art teacher who inspired several generations of students with his creativity and passion. He always knew how to have a good time and bring joy to those around him. Our family had the pleasure of knowing him for almost 30 years, during which time we witnessed his fun-loving and humorous nature firsthand. He had a deep love for his sons and was very proud of the men they became. As a kind and caring father-in-law to my sister Susan, he gained my gratitude. He shared a loving bond with his wife, Diane, and together they created a warm and welcoming home. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Diane and the entire family during this difficult time. Larry's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the lasting impact he had on those around him.

Gregory Rouse and family - July 07, 2024 at 07:30 PM

LG

“ It was only a year or so ago that my husband (larry) and I got to meet Larry and Dianna. We have know their son Kris for many years and always had enjoyed hearing about his parents. On one of their trips to visit Kris in Gainesville we all went out to dinner and spent the remainder of the evening in our home. We immediately connected and it was like we had known them forever. The evening flew by way too fast. When I got the text from Kris that his dad had passed away my heart just sank for him and for his mom. We have always thought of kris as if he was our own son and we know how much he loved his dad. I truly wish we had more opportunities to spend with Larry and Dianna but I have such found memories of that evening getting to know them. Our prayers for comfort go out to the family and friends and especially to Kris. You are a wonderful son and I know your dad was very proud of you and we hope all the great memories you have of the times spent with your dad bring you comfort and peace.

Larry and Mari Gaffney - June 08, 2024 at 04:30 PM

MC

“ We were sorry to hear of Larry’s recent passing. We always enjoyed time with him and the rest of your family when we lived on Fulton Avenue. Thinking of you all. Marion and Don Ciciarelli

marion cicviarelli - June 08, 2024 at 07:02 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Kenneth Mitchelson.



June 07, 2024 at 12:44 PM

TH

“ The LiVoti's Tony Melanie, Jack & Henry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Kenneth Mitchelson.

The LiVoti's Tony Melanie, Jack & Henry - June 07, 2024 at 12:44 PM

JL

“ My deepest condolences to Diane, Randy, and Kris. I always enjoyed going by Larry’s room for words of wisdom from a more seasoned educator. He gave me a different perspective and explained to me the importance of displaying a student-artist’s work, which he always did to make our hallways the best in the district.

Jerry Losurdo - June 07, 2024 at 03:09 AM

JP

“ Sending condolences from a student of Mr. Mitch! I have fond memories of his kindness and smile as a student at Lanigan in Fulton NY. What a great life lived. Love and light from Jason in Maine

Jason Putnam - June 06, 2024 at 08:08 PM

SP

“ Our hearts go out to the Mitchelson family💕. What a blessing to have taught at Lanigan Elementary with Larry. All the Kindergarten kids loved Mr. Mitch! I smile as I think of how he had a nickname for each one as they entered the classroom. I am sure he will be greatly missed.

💕 Sandy with Sam Patane
aka Mrs. Patane, Kindergarten Room 101

Sandy Patane - June 06, 2024 at 03:21 PM

JB

“ I was another of Larry's volleyball and softball friends/teammates. Larry was so much fun to be around. Everyone always had a good day when you saw Larry. Although we moved away from Fulton, NY more than 35 years ago I still have the funny, hand-drawn get-well card Larry made for me all those years ago. The world is a little sadder place without Larry. My sincerest condolences to Dianne, Randy, Kris and the extended Mitchelson family. Larry will be missed. RIP

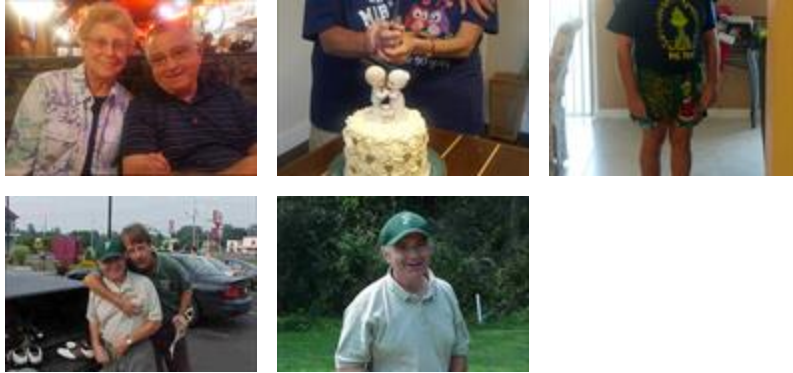
John Bowe



John J Bowe - June 06, 2024 at 01:47 PM

RM

“Dad touched many lives. His quick wit and devilish smile were a source of attraction for his family and friends.



Randy Mitchelson - June 06, 2024 at 01:24 PM

DS

“My deepest sympathies to Dianne, Randy, Kris and the rest of Larry's family. Larry was one of the really good guys with a great smile and laugh. I remember that every kid that went through Lanigan loved Mr. Mitch - he was one of the kids himself. He really enjoyed being a part of those softball and volleyball teams and he took great pride in being one of the Maximum golfers. Super teacher, teammate, friend and family man. RIP Larry

Dave Smith - June 06, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JB

“The world lost a good man. I met Larry in college and have counted him as a friend since then. We reunited after we both retired and played golf with a bunch of buddies calling themselves the Maximum Golfers (perhaps because of our high scores). Each of us had a nickname and his was "One-Putt" because that is how he rolled. I will miss his mischievous smile and infectious laugh. We all will.

Jack Burke - June 06, 2024 at 10:55 AM

JC

“ Mr. Mitch had a really positive effect on my life and I think in many ways was the inspiration in my life long ambition and joy of creating things. Im sure he had that positive influence on many of us kids. I saw him years ago somewhere and he recognized me immediately, it had been over 35 years and I recognized his smiling face and that twinkle in his eyes. I know he was a good man, father, grandfather , husband, etc. RIP Mr. Mitch. Jeff carter

jeff carter - June 06, 2024 at 09:49 AM

ML

“ Mr. Mitch was a huge part of my life. He took me to Florida for spring training when I was young. We conquered many projects around the house together, frequented Shannon's Hotdogs for lunch during the summer, and played many rounds of golf together with his golf buddies. I will always remember to take only half a stroke when my ball lands in the shade. A great family, person, and friend! You are missed dearly.

With love,
Mike LiVoti

Mike LiVoti - June 06, 2024 at 07:36 AM

KA

“ I thought about Mr. Mitch many times when I was working as an art teacher!



Karin Abell - June 06, 2024 at 06:20 AM