



Arthur D. Mitchell

February 13, 1928 - October 30, 2015

Arthur D. Mitchell, Jr., 87, of Iron Mountain, died Friday, October 30, 2015, surrounded by his loving family at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Arthur was born February 13, 1928 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Arthur D. & Louise (Gendron) Mitchell. He married Rita Hartel of Sturgeon Bay, WI the 9th of September 1950. Art retired in 1976 after serving his country for 31 active duty years, 3 years in the U.S. Army and 28 years in the U.S. Coast Guard at the rank of Master Chief Boatswains Mate. He served on many patrol ships both on the East and West coasts, served as Officer in Charge of rescue stations, patrol gun boat cutters on US coasts and overseas. He was a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He received many distinguished awards, many Life Savings Awards, Vietnam Service Medal, Campaign Stars, Marine Corps Combat Service Award, and the Cross of Gallantry of Vietnam. After his retirement he worked for the Dickinson Iron Vocational Center in the Home Building Trades Program for eight years. He then worked at the Carmelite Monastery for 10 years in maintenance. He cherished his friendship with the Carmelite Sisters and regarded them as Angels on Earth. He was a member of the American Legion Post 50 serving as Commander for three years and Chaplain for many years. As chaplain he served in over 300 Military Funerals. He volunteered at the VA Medical Center visiting hospitalized patients. He was also a member of the Chief Petty Officers of the U.S. Coast

Guard, VFW, Amvets, DAV, Navy Fleet Reserve, Non Commission Officers Association, Vietnam Vets of America, and the Coast Guard Combat Association. Art loved the United States Coast Guard and referred to those in the service as unsung heroes. In 2012 Art received the Citizen Patriot Award for Exemplary Love, Honor, and Service to God, Country and Community.

Art was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Art is survived by his daughters, Paula (Denis) Johnson of Marquette and Patricia (Mark) Johnson of Irma, WI; daughter-in-law, Betsy (Foltz) Mitchell of Green Bay, WI; six grandchildren, Dawn (Matt), Sammuel, Lisa (William), Lynn, Aaron (Amy) and Emily (Cory); seven great-grandchildren Wyatt, Emma, Mike, Kate, Jacob, Joanne and Amelia; a sister-in-law, Joan (Duane) Mitchell and family; and niece & nephew, Jackie and Carl Lemin.

Art was preceded in death by his wife, Rita, in 1993; son, Peter, in 2003; three brothers, Earl, Jack, and Duane; four sisters, Genevieve Deneen, Maxine Yatchet, Verna Balizarini and Doris Mitchell.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:00 am at the Carmelite Monastery in Iron Mountain. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Interment will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 Color Guard will conduct military graveside honors.

Pallbearers are Denis Johnson, Mark Johnson, Terry Mitchell, Matt Schumitsch, Terry O'Connel and Vern Smith. Honorary pallbearers are Sammuel Smith, Dean White, Ken Davis and Pat Scott.

In lieu of flower, please consider a monetary donation to the Carmelite Monastery in Art's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Art Mitchell online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Carmelite Monastery
4028 North U.S. 2
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to read of Art's passing. I was very honored to serve as his guardian on the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight on his final Tour of Honor. Our world has lost a great man. Deepest condolences.
Susan Beranek

Susan Beranek - December 01, 2015 at 10:38 PM



“ Art was such a great mentor to his family and to many young men. Years ago as he took care of his wife when she was ill and sacrificed himself for her. What a testimony of a great man. I feel honored to have known him. So grateful for what he meant to so many. We know you will miss him so much. He lived a very honorable life. Gratefully, *Rebecca (Mitchell) Lilienthal*

Rebecca Lilienthal - November 08, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find comfort in your memories of this special man. He will be missed my many.

Tim and Nannette Harris

Tim and Nannette Harris - November 03, 2015 at 06:46 PM

LR

“ Dear Mitchell Family,
Sending our love to each of you as you mourn the loss of such a special man. We are so happy we had the chance to see Grandpa Art and have such a nice visit with him at Em & Toby's wedding. We cherish the memories of time spent together over the years from Pete, Aaron, Kent & David's scouting events to all Gus Macker family fun in Iron Mt. he so enjoyed being a part of.
May all the caring hearts that surround you help sustain all of you through this difficult time. God's Blessings.
Lyn & Kent Reidinger Family ❤️



Lyn Reidinger - November 03, 2015 at 12:27 PM

DH

“ Dawn and Pat and families;

We are truly sorry for your loss. We feel honored that we were able to meet Buba. He was a good American, a good Father, Grandfather, and Great Granfather.
Please accept our condolences. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the service, but Sherry plans to drive up. In sympathy and freindship always,

Dan and Sherry Hoffmann

Dan Hoffmann - November 03, 2015 at 11:57 AM



“ *Condolences to the family of Art. Art was very special to me. He was my dad's very best friend.(Jim Dault) My heart goes out to the family..Art was a very special man. I talked to him a few weeks ago. I have a daughter in the navy and he was always interested in where she was and what she was doing. I live in New Mexico and Art came to see us!! Blessings to the family..such a good man and a huge loss. MARIANNE DAULT VEGA*



MARIANNE DAULT VEGA - November 03, 2015 at 07:57 AM



Such a patriot, such an honorable man.Art and my dad Jim Dault were as close as two friends could be. They used to have private jokes, and they sure enjoyed a beer together. To the Mitchell family, my sincere condolences.

Janelle Dault Moraska - November 03, 2015 at 07:19 PM



“ *Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur D. Mitchell.*



 November 02, 2015 at 06:19 PM

JS

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family of Art Mitchell . Art was a man that I admired . I cut his grass for him almost weekly and afterward took the time to chat with him . He told me of stories of his time in the service and of his family . He himself told me he does not know how he ever made it through some times but there was definitely a Lord watching over him . He knew this was a good man . Art was even there years ago when my wife passed away always lending an ear to listen to what I had to say . This world is now missing one of the best JIM STRUTZ*

Jim Strutz - November 02, 2015 at 06:08 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arthur D. Mitchell.*



November 02, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Arthur D. Mitchell.*



November 02, 2015 at 08:11 AM

DA

“ Dear Paula-
Our thoughts are with you during this difficult
time. God Bless

Love your Tuesday Night Bowling Team
Dee, Vic, Fred, Mathew and Kaye



Dee Adams - November 01, 2015 at 06:54 PM

DA

“ Dear Paula and Mitchell Family- Our thoughts
and prayers are with you and your family at
this difficult time. May the memories help you
through these tough days.

God Bless.
All our love-
Dee, Greg and Mathew Adams



Dee Adams - November 01, 2015 at 06:52 PM

RB

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Mitchell Family! I knew Art
many years through the Green Bay Chapter of the CG Chief Petty
Officers Assn. We even held one of our meetings at Art's home,
many years ago. It was obvious that the Master Chief was rightfully
proud of his Military Career. Art displayed his high morals and was a
True Patriot! I was happy to see him at the annual CG Reunion in
Marinette just a couple of month ago.

MCPO Ray Borchert (ret)
Oconto, WI/Surprise, AZ
neptune3@netzero.net

Ray Borchert - November 01, 2015 at 04:38 PM

PS

“ *Paula, Patti and family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. We will miss you Uncle Art. Love, Cliff and Paula Story*

Paula Story - November 01, 2015 at 04:37 PM

BS

We were sorry to hear of your Dad's death. Wish there was something we could say or do to soften your grief. Know you have been left with alot of cherished memories and they will definitely help you through this hard time! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Love,
Uncle Smitty & Aunt RoseMarie*

Bob/Rose Smith - November 01, 2015 at 05:05 PM

MV

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of Uncle Art's death. Know that God is there to help you through these hard times and His love will help make you strong.

Love, Bernie & Madonna VandenAvond

Madonna VandenAvond - November 02, 2015 at 05:24 PM

MA

Paula and family: We are sorry to learn of your Father's passing, Sending our love and prayers. Mary and Dan

mary - November 02, 2015 at 07:33 PM