



Kenneth Wendell Mitchell

August 15, 1921 - May 13, 2014

Kenneth Wendell Mitchell was born in Moran, Kansas on August 15, 1921, the son of Dee Daniel and Sunshine Adalaide Smith Mitchell. The family moved to Chanute in the 1920s where Kenneth attended school. He joined the US Army Air Corps in 1942 and was trained as a pilot. During World War II, he was a bomber pilot in the European Theater, 9th Air Force, 391st Bomber Group, and advanced to the rank of Captain. He received the Distinguishing Flying Cross, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart. After World War II, Kenneth owned and operated Mitchell Buick with his father. Kenneth married Mildred Pauline (Polly) Monk on November 17, 1946 in Chanute, Kansas. She passed away on July 2, 1991.

Kenneth was an honoree on the Eisenhower Foundation World War II Honor Roll. He was a member of VFW Post 1654 and the 391st Bomber Group Association, and past commander of the American Legion Post 170. He was also a long time board member of the Chanute Public Library.

Kenneth is survived by three children, Patricia Mitchell of El Dorado, Gregory and wife Carol of Emporia, and Dan and wife Sabrina of Chanute; five grandchildren, Beth Farthing of Dickson, Tennessee, Luke Mitchell of Omaha, Nebraska, Holly Pobolish of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, Amy Luft of Olathe, Kansas, and Stefani Nickell of Nevada, Iowa. He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 16, 2014 from 6-7 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home Johnson Chapel, 101 N. Highlandt, Chanute, KS.

Graveside Services will be held Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute, KS. Family suggests memorials to the ALS Association (Lou Gehrig Disease) and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **16.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220

Graveside Services

MAY **17.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
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Tribute Wall

CM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Kenneth. Larry and I loved Ken and Polly. They became some of our closet friends after Larry bought the Buick franchise. They were wonderful to us and our daughter Kelly. Kenneth was so funny and always kept us in stitches. Polly was such a sweet and loving and gracious hostess. We had many many wonderful memories with them. Larry especially loved hearing Kenneth's war stories and experiences during the war. He went down to visit Ken no long before he passed away himself. They are fabulous people that made this world a better place.

Connie Miller

Connie Miller - May 16, 2014 at 12:19 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear about Kenny passing. Really enjoyed visiting with him at the Legion through the years. He will be missed.

Brad Kiddoo

Former Director of Chanute Chapter 170

American Legion Riders

Brad Kiddoo - May 14, 2014 at 04:08 PM

MF

Dear Pat, Greg, Dan and families,
Susie and I are heart-broken to learn of your Dad's death. Our parents go back much further than any of us have been alive. We miss him almost as much as you do. Our parents almost were interchangeable; we spent many happy occasions at each other's homes, especially your big old gray house on Western Ave. Your grandparents lived on the corner of Third and Tennessee, just up from our house. I loved riding your grandfather's Shetland ponies out on his farm. If there is anything that I can do, just call or email me. We'll be thinking of you.

Marcia Foster - May 19, 2014 at 04:17 PM