



## Jerry Leon Mitchell

March 29, 2017 - March 29, 2017

Jerry Mitchell, 73, of Oskaloosa passed away Wednesday night, March 29, 2017, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Jerry Leon Mitchell was born, September 5, 1943, in Clark County, Missouri, to Kirby and Pearlina Mitchell, the fourth of five children. He graduated from Kahoka (Missouri) High School in 1961. After graduation, Jerry joined the U.S. Army and served in Germany. When his tour of duty was over, he returned to the United States and married Cheryl Lauffer, November 24, 1967. They moved to Boone, where he completed a BS in Agriculture Education at Iowa State University. After teaching vocational agriculture and farming in Boone for some years, he moved with his wife and daughters to Lake Keomah, to work with Farm Service in Oskaloosa. Many years later, Jerry joined Bloom Buildings, where he became co-owner. Jerry was a kind and generous man who worked hard to provide for his family. He also loved the outdoors, animals and walked around the lake with his dog and daughters as often as he could. He knew the names of the flora and fauna at Keomah and delighted in passing on this knowledge. Though a car accident six years ago left him mostly indoors in care facilities, he watched the Decorah eagles live stream for hours on end. Jerry's family includes his wife of 50 years, Cheryl of Oskaloosa; and his daughters: Kim and her spouse, Tom Van Heukelom, of Adel, Iowa and Kathleen Mitchell and her spouse, Kalli Phillips of Oakland, CA. He is also survived by his three brothers and a sister: Gary (Jerry) Mitchell of Winterville, GA, Max (Patsy) Mitchell of Homer, AK, Lynn (Evelyn) Mitchell of Columbia,

MO, and Susan (James) Brice of Millersville, MO. Jerry is preceded in death by one daughter, Kristen, and his parents. Funeral services for Jerry will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bruce Wittern of the Central United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Fort Madison, IA. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel; the family will be present from 4-6 p.m. to greet visitors. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and will be designated at a later time.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Leon Mitchell*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *To the family of Jerry, Our sympathy and prayers are with you. From two of Jerry's classmates from Kahoka, MO. High School class of 1961. Ronnie Kuntz and Karen Cossel.*

**Ron and Karen Kuntz** - April 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cheryl, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Emily Wallace** - March 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

**Garland** - March 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM