



## Robert H. (Bob) Mitchell

February 7, 1943 - August 25, 2016

Robert H. Mitchell (Bob) died at his home in Sarasota, FL on August 25, 2016 with his family by his side, after an extended battle with complications associated with stomach cancer. He was 73.

Born on February 7, 1943 in Newark, NJ, he was the only child of Margarete (Frunzi) Mitchell. He grew up in West Orange, NJ, where he graduated from West Orange High School in 1961. He received his undergraduate degree in 1965 and his master's degree in 1967, both from Seton Hall University prior to serving in the US Army abroad. He went on to receive his law degree in 1976 from Seton Hall Law School. He married Maryann (Petriella) Mitchell on June 4, 1966 in Irvington, NJ. They lived in Whippany, NJ before relocating to Sarasota, FL in 1981 with their two sons.

Bob leaves behind his wife Maryann, his youngest son Bobby of St. Petersburg, FL, and his oldest son Mike of Brandon, FL with his wife Colleen, their daughter Maddie, and Bob's step-granddaughter Kailene Quinn of Sarasota, FL. He also leaves behind his brother's and sister's-in-law Dr. Victor & Honey Petriella of West Caldwell, NJ and Dr. Michael & Nancy Petriella II of West Chester, PA, as well as his nieces and nephews Marybeth (Rafael) Petriella Hernandez of Union City, NJ, Elizabeth (Vincent) Petriella Mongiovi of West Chester, PA, Michael (Annabelle) Petriella III of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, and Victor (Jacqueline) Petriella of Morristown, NJ. He also leaves behind cousins

Arlene Carolla of Orange, CT, Lynn Frunzi McColl of Tuscaloosa AL, and Larry (Sharon) Frunzi of Dunedin, FL.

Bob will be remembered for his unconditional love of family, his great friendships, his extraordinary singing voice, his never ending sense of humor, and his charitable giving spirit. He was a proud member of the Lakewood Ranch Rotary Club, a member of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA), singer in the Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony and the Sarasota Chorus of the Keys, a member of multiple barbershop quartets (most recently The Best of Times), and he was the proud founder of the Miracle League of Manasota.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be held Friday, September 2, 2016, 6PM at Toale Brothers Funeral Home located at 40 N Orange Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Miracle League of Manasota in Bob's name via their website.

# Tribute Wall

LV

“ *Linda Voss has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

Linda Voss - September 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *My sincere sympathies goes to Maryann and family May he rest in peace*

Letitia Keasey - September 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My love and condolences to Maryann, Michael and Bobby. My friendship with Bob and Marg began when our families met at Mountain Crest Swim Club. Our friendship continued through our teenage years until the present. I was honored to attend Maryann and Bob's wedding and to share in many happy celebrations throughout the years. Our visits in Sarasota was always filled with laughter and recalling wonderful memories. Bob was one of a kind and a great friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Harriet Freeman - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *MaryAnn, Bobby and Mike - May God's mercy and grace envelope your family and help you to get through the passing of Bob. A wonderful man that i lost contact with. I will see your family at the service on 9/2/216. Mike*

Michael Warren - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I was privileged to know Bob thru our common interest in the Miracle League. I was honored that Bob wanted me on the Board of Directors and I enjoyed Bob's leadership in this wonderful cause. I was also fortunate to share times with Bob and Maryann along with my wife Joann. We enjoyed each others company and talked about growing up in the New York/New Jersey area. I will certainly miss him.

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**John Tufaro** - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ My prayer are with you. God Bless and may God hold Bob in his hands. Bob was a good friend in high school and for a time when you lived here, lost touch when family moved to Florida.

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**Francis V Volpe jr** - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ My condolences to the family from one of Bob's West Orange, NJ and Seton Hall classmates.

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**Kerry O'Connor** - September 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

F6

“ Sorry to hear about Bob passing, God Bless, when your father was in WO, we kept in contact. Now I know what happened to Bob, moved to Fl. I will keep Bob in my prayers at daily mass. Again May God keep him and bless him.

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**Francis V Volpe Jr (class of 61)** - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. God bless, wondered what happened to Bob now I know moved to FL. Bob was a good friend in school and while he lived around the area. Great Friend.

Francis V Volpe Jr - August 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a happy family man. I remember all the happy times as we raised our children on Baywinds Lane. You know life is good when you can remain friends over all the years. Love to all. Fran

Fran Sola - August 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HE

“ Wishing you and yours warm, precious memories that last a lifetime.

Heather Ewell - August 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Thanks for your friendship and your music. I'm better for having known you.

Hank stromenger - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ "Bobby" was loved by everyone whose life he touched! I am honored to be his friend. Thank you Maryanne, Mike , and Bobby Jr. for sharing his last journey with all of us. Love, Chip (Harry De Girolamo)

Chip De Girolamo - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ So sorry we won't be able to be there for the Memorial Service but you all be in our hearts and prayers and may God give you the strength and peace to overcome your sorrow. Bob was an extraordinary man and will be missed by all. Love you all.

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**Alicia and Oscar Bast** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Bob was a wonderful friend . He was always compassionate and worked so hard for everyone including the class of '61!He will be missed!

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**Audrey Levy Askins** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I lived around the corner from him on Kirk Street. I have wonderful memories of him.

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**Margaret Antonelli Bauer** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM