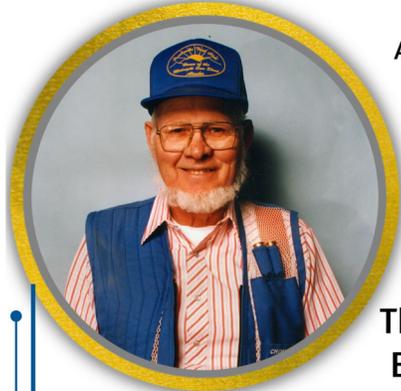


Harold Mitchell



April 11 1930 to Feb. 28 2022

**Come join the
Celebration of Life
Saturday 28th
of May at 4 pm.
The Fairbanks Trap Club
Bring your stories or
photos to share**

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**Harold D. Mitchell
April 11, 1930 – February 28, 2022**

Harold peacefully passed away on February 28th at the Fairbanks Pioneer Home.

Harold was born in Lookeba OK. to Janie Birchfield and Lafette Scott Mitchell on April 11th 1930. He was one of eight kids. Some of his first memories is of the family's trip from Oklahoma to southern California in the mid 1930's to escape the Dust Bowl. Being a small kid most of those memories made him smile.

Southern California provided new life on a ranch and work for everyone. The Mitchell family eventually put down roots in Modesto

California. He and his four brothers were either working to help the family out or playing sports. Harold graduated in 1948 from Reedley Joint Union High School. Within a couple of years he was married, had a son and heading off the Camp Pendleton as a marine and then on to Korea for the war. He was part of the demolitions corp and was on the rifle team while serving.

Within a few years he had three son's and one daughter. He tried his hand at everything from dairy farming, mechanic work, selling insurance to truck driving. Working with his hands turned out to be his path. Harold was a union carpenter from the early 1960's until the day he retired. Over the years he worked at Prudhoe Bay, Healy, Nenana and all over the interior for local union contractors. He went into civil service work on Eielson and Fort Wainwright in the last few years of his work life. He was always happy to help or direct a construction project for family and friends years after he quit working. You could depend on him saying "What you need kid?" and step right in.

By August of 1965 he married his second wife, Frances, and settled in White City Oregon. In mid April of 1968 he came home and told the family "we are heading to Alaska". On May 4th 1968 the blended Mitchell family arrived in the dirty little town at the end of the road, Fairbanks Alaska. The kids were enthralled with living in a tent, having no running water or electricity for the first few months. Harold worked as many hours as possible while clearing land on Chena Ridge and building a home. Water and electricity came with time when the money allowed.

Hunting, fishing, and rafting the Rogue and Colorado rivers where for fun. Trap shooting was a love. One that he shared with his wife Frances. He came for the shooting but they stayed for the people. They ran the Fairbanks Trap Club for a few years and spent many an hour watching others shoot and telling stories. During retirement Harold and Frances drove their motor home to the lower 48 every winter for nine years to travel in the sun shine and hit the trap clubs. Life was good.

Harold is preceded in death by his wife Frances, son's Harold, Jeff and Jon. He is survived by his daughter Sue and (husband) John Ellison, grandsons John and (wife) Jenifer Mitchell, Jason Ozimkoski, granddaughters Kelly Johansen and Ariel Ellison. Great grand kids; Jasmine and (husband) Cord Tozer, Jacklyn Mitchell and Emma Johansen.

Thank you to the wonderful caregivers at the Fairbanks Pioneer Home and FMH Hospice. The last three years of my dad's life were filled with smiles due to your dedication to caring for and truly enjoying the people you care for. Thank you.

Celebration of life to be held in late May at the Fairbanks Trap Club. Announcement to follow.