



## Barry Joseph Mitchel

November 17, 2023

Barry Joseph Mitchel, 87, died peacefully at his home on November 17, 2023. Recent health problems had weakened his body but never his sweet nature or enthusiasm for life.

Barry was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the son of Dr. Kenneth F. and Mercedes G. Mitchel. He is survived by his wife, Judith, and children, Loren, of Tucson, AZ., Cynthia and husband Michael in Melbourne, Australia, Stephanie and husband Kyle in St. Johnsbury, VT., and grandsons Liam and Tristan. Barry also leaves two sisters, Alice Greto of Marcus Hook, PA. and Marilyn Kezmoh of Mission Viejo, CA. brothers, Robert and Frederick preceded Barry in death.

Barry graduated in 1961 from Carnegie Mellon University with BS, MS and PhD degrees in mechanical engineering. In 1962, he was awarded membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In 1964 came membership in AIAA and in 1966 he gained a place in the Scientific Research Society of America. He first lived and worked in Massachusetts for the aerospace industry, designing heat shields for reentry vehicles, then in nuclear power as a designer of piping and pressure vessels for nuclear reactors.

After 42 years in New England, Barry and Judith moved to Hampton Roads, VA. to be nearer Judith's widowed mother. Barry was an active member of Green Acres Presbyterian Church, playing handbells and singing in the choir

for many years. Barry also served on the Session twice and took a leadership role in the Men's Breakfast. He maintained a lifelong love of poetry and music, both for appreciation and participation. His favorite sport was playing tennis in all seasons, followed closely by swimming, and bodysurfing in the Atlantic Ocean.

A Memorial Service will be held on April 6th at 11 AM in Green Acres Presbyterian Church. Gifts in his name may be offered to Green Acres Presbyterian Church or to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Green Acres Prebyterian Church  
3135 Hanley Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Judith,

*We are so sorry to learn of Barry's passing. He was always so kind and generous with his time to your family, his church and the community. May his memory be eternal.*

*Gordon and Loukia Borrell*

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**Loukia Borrell** - January 29, 2024 at 08:11 PM