



## Clarence Albert Mitchell

June 10, 1953 - September 24, 2021

Clarence Albert Mitchell Jr., better known as Dad, Grandpa, Papa, Jr., Sarge or Mitch was born in Bakersfield, CA on June 10, 1953, to Clarence Sr. and Marie Mitchell (Young).

He passed away suddenly at home on September 24, 2021.

He spent his youth in Bakersfield/Greenacres with his foster parents, Ben and Ila Clifton. He attended North High School.

In 1971, he joined the United States Army where he proudly served for the next 20 years in the Signal Corps/Communications. During this time, he met his then wife, Shirley, and welcomed his children, Ben and Ila, into this world.

He returned to Bakersfield in 1991 when he “retired” from the United States Army. He was gently persuaded (told by his dad) to come home. Guess he knew when to listen to the “old man” as he called him.

His heart remained loyal to the U.S. Army. In a recent conversation, he said that he would be happy to be in the Army again. By that, I believe stationed in Germany where he could get those steins of beer and take a bath with his unit in the Rhine River during winter when out on maneuvers. He knew how to have a good time, especially once he had a bit of the vodka.

His other love, his family. He made sure to remind us that we were his clan, and that Staff Sgt. Mitchell oversaw the clan. And in case anyone forgot, he was always right.

For being such a staunch military man, his weakness was revealed with the birth of his great granddaughter, Lilly. She had that man wrapped around her little finger and she didn't even know it. She could have whatever she wanted, and he always would say "here is the credit card to use".

His greatest concern was making sure his family was taken care of. He would do anything for them, after of course making sure we all knew it was his idea. Yes, he could be tough, but deep down he had a heart of gold. He just didn't want anyone to see what a softie he truly was. When asked what meant the most to him, his response was, his family.

He will be greatly missed by those that have to carry on without him. He is survived by his son, Ben and his wife, Heidi; daughter, Ila, Grandsons, Chris (age 32) and his wife, Harley, Al (age 27) and his wife, Sasha (aka Shorty), Josh (J.D. per Grandpa) (age 27), Sean (age 26) and Brandon (age 23) as well as his great grandchildren, Lilly (age 9) and Connor (age 7). He is also survived by his sisters, Nora Edwards and her husband, Jim), Shavon Loudon, Nona Dalton Flores and her husband, Gustavo as well as his brother, Doyle Mitchell and his wife, Pam. He will also be missed by his many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Memorial of his life will be on October 6, 2021 @ 11:30 at Mission Family Mortuary to be followed by graveside service at the National Cemetery in Arvin at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Disabled Veterans of America in his

honor.

# Cemetery Details

## Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 E Bear Mountain Blvd  
Arvin, CA 93203  
(661) 867-2250

# Previous Events

## Military Honors

OCT 6. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



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Ila Mitchell - October 03, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ My father in law will be greatly missed, he tried to keep me in check but he was a softie. I will miss seeing his joy from his great grandkids. The house is so empty without him. I know he is in a better place I just wish we had a little more time with him.



Heidi Mitchell - October 01, 2021 at 01:01 PM



I only met him once he loved his puppies. Sis call me I can help with anything .just throw a rock.6612400121

Kendra Parker - October 02, 2021 at 04:49 AM

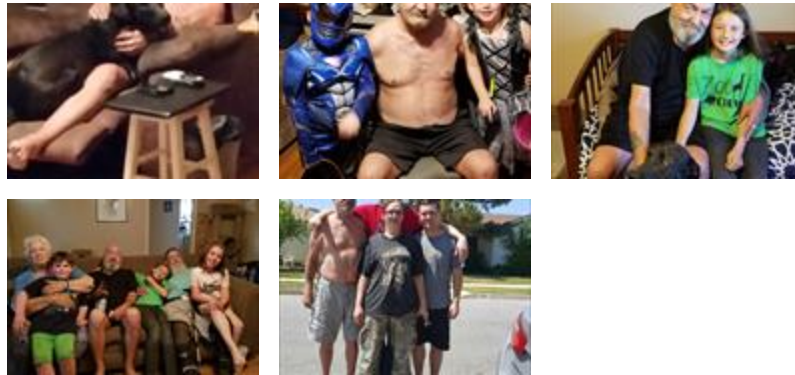


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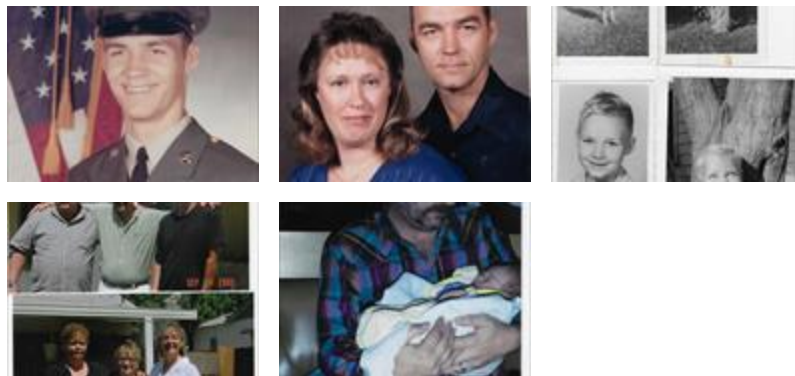
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