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Robert (Bob) Andrew Hayden Mitchell, faithful servant of Christ, devoted photographer, and beloved member of the Grand Strand community, passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on June 11, 2025, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. A beloved man, Bob was known for a life filled with wild adventures, milestone achievements, and an unwavering passion for sports and community service.

Born in Anderson, Missouri on December 5, 1931, to Robert and Alberta, Bob spent his childhood with his two sisters Deanna and Meryl Lee who have long passed. He served honorably in the United States Air Force, where he hunted hurricanes and other atmospheric dangers, navigated over 7000 hours of flight missions, worked jointly with NASA to ensure the safety of space-capsule water touchdowns, and showcased his athletic prowess by playing with the Air Force team against the famed Harlem Globe Trotters, all the while bravely dedicating his skills to protect and serve our country. After retiring from the Air Force, Bob held various management positions before his love of basketball and photography became his life's work.

A founding member of the Beach Ball Classic (BBC), Bob played a pivotal role in helping to visually chronicle the various events, teams, and players alike.

He was also honored as the Volunteer of the Year by the UNC-Chapel Hill Girls Basketball program for his extraordinary commitment to the team and Coach Sylvia Hatchell. Bob leaves behind a testament to his dedication to the sport of basketball and its young athletes.

Bob was also a gifted photographer, tirelessly capturing the essence of athletes, friends, and family. He preserved cherished memories for all who had the privilege to know him. His photographs tell stories of joy, camaraderie, and the spirit of competition.

Above all, Bob was a man of faith. He loved the Lord and walked a path lined with kindness, generosity, and humbleness.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Donna Mitchell of Myrtle Beach, daughter Krystina of Myrtle Beach; daughter MiKayla and her boyfriend David of Myrtle Beach; son Michael and his wife Linda of Wilmington; daughter Susan and her husband Jim of Statesville; son Anthony and his wife Mitzi of Statesville, and Timothy and his wife Kimberly of Augusta. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren along with countless friends and teammates who will forever cherish his memory and continue to be inspired by his legacy.

A private, family service will be held June 21st at 9 am with visitation afterwards from 10 to 11 at Hillcrest Cemetery and Chapel in Conway. During visitation, cards will be offered to record your special memories for the family to reflect upon for the years to come. In lieu of flowers, the family will have a donation box to support a local youth program, or donations can be brought in person or mailed to Beach Ball Classic PO Box 3893 Myrtle Beach, SC 29578 payable to Beach Ball Classic in Bob's honor to support his love of basketball and youth.

Bob lived his life with a servant's heart. As we remember him, let us replicate the model of kindness he has left for us all.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
office@hillcrestcemetery.com
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hillcrest Mausoleum Chapel
1000 Hwy. 544
Conway, SC 29526

Graveside Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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