



Donald Charles Mitchell

September 28, 1938 - February 5, 2025

Don was raised in the small rural town of Rochester, Michigan. He attended both Ferris State College and Oakland University, majoring in biology and philosophy. He completed a four-year apprenticeship in metal fabrication in the experimental engineering group of General Motors Truck and Coach Division. Don then transferred to the Experimental Stress Group where he was a project engineer.

Don's early career was centered around the creation, engineering, manufacturing and management of products. In retrospect, it seems clear that all of Don's education and career activities created a foundation for his art and sculpture.

Don's designs were created in his mind, and he rarely drew any design initially. He began with a piece of wood, steel or aluminum shaping it as he envisioned.

Don's art pieces have been widely collected in the United States as well as Mexico, England, Germany, Canada and Belgium. The unique steel and aluminum sculptures ignite the imagination in a most positive way, possibly providing a smile and a creative boost. His art career began in earnest in 1989.

Don and his wife Marilyn married in 1959 in Rochester, Michigan. A few years later their cherished daughter Susan was born. In 1969 they moved to Colorado, residing in Loveland, Longmont, Grand Junction and Littleton prior to moving to Windsor in 2014.

Don was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and is survived by his wife and daughter, two grandchildren, Mitchell (Isabelle) and Kody (Justin), and two great grandchildren, Ian and Jax.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

A celebration of life will be held at Pelican Lakes Restaurant Banquet Room, 1620 Pelican Lakes Point in Windsor, CO on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Pelican Lakes Restaurant Banquet Room
1620 Pelican Lakes Point
Windsor, CO 80550

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My deepest condolences to Don's family and especially to Marilyn. This photo was taken of Don and Marilyn during our visit with them in Pentwater, MI, several years ago. Don was a good friend since high school and he married one of my favorite people in the world. I am grateful that we remained friends all of these years. My husband and I were thrilled to visit them in Colorado, and saw his studio where Don created his amazing sculptures. One I remember was called something like "Falling Women". I may not have that right but it was beautiful and fun. What a brilliant, creative and kind man. He will be missed.

Mitzi Ruswick - March 20, 2025 at 12:28 PM