



Merlin Merton Mitchell Sr.

October 17, 1928 - December 19, 2015

Dr. Merlin Merton Mitchell Sr., 87, of Tallahassee, passed away on December 19, 2015. Merlin was born on October 17, 1928 in Fort Worth, Texas to James and Stella (Hopson) Mitchell. He was raised in Fort Worth and attended both Poly Technic High and Texas Wesleyan College. Merlin became the first person in his family's history to graduate from college and upon graduation; he married the love of his life and moved to Macamy Texas. Here, he taught science before returning to his home town of Fort Worth to teach at J.P. Elder Junior High. Merlin continued his own education by earning a master's degree from North Texas State University and a doctorate of education from Indiana University in 1969. After graduating, he accepted a position at Florida State University. In 1972 Merlin moved to Rochester, Minnesota where he worked at the Mayo Clinic Medical School as the admissions coordinator from 1972 - 1984. He returned to Tallahassee to complete his career working for the State of Florida, Department of Education until his retirement.

He loved his family with all of his heart. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary McLeod Mitchell; their four children Merlin M. Mitchell Jr. (Candy), James M. Mitchell, Stephen E. Mitchell (Leslie), and Suzanne M. Hollar (Bob); eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family is planning a private memorial service in the near future. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the TMH Foundation in support of the TMH Cancer Center in Merlin's name. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-385-

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“ We are so sorry to learn of Merlin's death. The Mitchell family lived a few doors away from us. When they moved to Rochester, my Minnesota husband gave Merlin a snow shovel with a big bow on the handle---just what every Minnesotan needs. Our condolences to the family---from John and Myra Hills.

John Myra Hills - December 25, 2015 at 01:33 PM