



Dennis L. Mitchell

October 9, 1944 - September 11, 2025

Dennis L. Mitchell, 80, of Iron River, MI, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at Aspirus Hospital in Iron River, MI.

Born on October 9, 1944, in Ishpeming, MI, Dennis was the cherished only child of Benjamin and Jean Mitchell. He took much pride in his Finnish heritage, and being “SISU strong” carried him through every season of life.

Dennis lived a life dedicated to family, hard work and love of country. He was proud to serve in the U.S. Army and was a true patriot who never failed to fly his American flag. His career as a mechanic working in underground tunnels with the Local 139 Union took him around the world, where he contributed to many important projects. No matter where life took him, he carried himself with integrity, loyalty, and was always willing to help those he knew would appreciate his generosity.

When he wasn't working, Dennis found joy in the simple things. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and loved cheering them on from his garage. He treasured time with family and friends, especially Wednesday night “Happy Hour” – where over rye whiskey and blackberry brandy, stories were shared, laughter flowed, and even the world's biggest problems seemed just a little easier to solve.

Dennis will be lovingly remembered for his honesty, his unwavering values, his hardworking spirit, and above all, his devotion to family. His presence brought strength and warmth to everyone who knew him, and his legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin & Jean Mitchell, and first wife, Ruby Mitchell in 2009.

Dennis was blessed with and survived by his second wife, Dianne Mitchell; they were married in 2016. Upon their marriage, Dianne's family became Dennis' family. Dennis became a father figure to Sam & Annie Blazier, Rob & Justina Blazier and Ryan Blazier and Becky Blazier. He became a loving grandfather to Lacey, Dominic, Kyle, Zach, Abbie, Brenden, Melinda, Bailey, Tommy, and Courtney and a loving great-grandfather to Sophie and Willow.

Dennis is also survived by aunt Maryann Mitchell, nieces Shelly, Brandy and Mick and many cousins, and special friend and neighbor Steve Moln.

The family would like to thank Dr. Patton and all of the staff at Aspirus Hospital in Iron River for their high level of compassion and care of Dennis and his family members.

Family and friends are invited to the visitation from 11 am - 12:00 pm on Wednesday, September 17th at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls, MI. Funeral services will immediately follow at noon at the funeral home. Burial at the Ishpeming Cemetery will be at a later date.

Though our hearts ache with loss, we rejoice in the blessing of having known and loved Dennis. He leaves behind a legacy of love that will live on in all of us.

Condolences to the family of Dennis L. Mitchell may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Ishpeming Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 North Third St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

SEP 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.*



September 16, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis L. Mitchell.

September 16, 2025 at 04:17 PM



“ *Bob and Kathy DellAngelo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.*



Bob and Kathy DellAngelo - September 16, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ *Rick & Shelly, Levi & Brandi, & Eli purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.*



Rick & Shelly, Levi & Brandi, & Eli - September 15, 2025 at 07:46 PM

RE

“ Rick & Shelly, Levi & Brandi, & Eli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis L. Mitchell.

Rick & Shelly, Levi & Brandi, & Eli - September 15, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.



September 15, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis L. Mitchell.

September 15, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.



September 15, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis L. Mitchell.

September 15, 2025 at 12:26 PM

BS

“ Bonnie S. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.



Bonnie S. - September 15, 2025 at 10:54 AM

KK

“ Kelley, Gami, and the kids purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.



Kelley, Gami, and the kids - September 15, 2025 at 09:10 AM

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“ Kelley, Gami, and the kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis L. Mitchell.

Kelley, Gami, and the kids - September 15, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MM

“ Mike and Robby Mehrens purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis L. Mitchell.



Mike and Robby Mehrens - September 14, 2025 at 09:11 AM

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“ Mike and Robby Mehrens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis L. Mitchell.

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