



John Ernest Mitchell

September 5, 1917 - June 18, 2001

Mitchell, J. 83, of Charlotte, Michigan, died June 18, 2001. Mr. Mitchell was born September 5, 1917, in Littleton, Colorado, the son of J. Ernest and Nellie (Gill) Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell worked at Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan. During World War II he worked on the synthetic rubber program, then served in the Physical Research Lab. He was assistant manager of the Plastics Department, and then served with Economic Evaluation. He had also been General Manager of Inorganics and Solvents and then was the Director of Functional Materials and retired as Director of Corporate Planning in 1981. He served as President of the Dow Foundation for six years. In 1968, he was selected as an outstanding engineering alumnus of the University of Denver and was listed in *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*. He served on the Midland Planning Commission, and was a member of St. John Episcopal Church of Midland, the Midland Country Club, the Lakes Club of Sun City, Arizona, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, numerous scientific and business publications and the Midland Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty, son John Mitchell of Lansing, daughter Shirley Potts of Sun City, Arizona, 6 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Private family services have been held. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice House of Mid-Michigan or the National Parkinson's Foundation.