

Davy Mitchell (1938 – 2021)

Davy J. Mitchell is inducted into the Santa Fe Trail Association's Hall of Fame for his years of service to the Santa Fe Trail Association as a member of the Board of Directors as well as his service on several committees and for his endless pursuit of knowledge about the historic Santa Fe Trail. Davy actively attended Santa Fe Trail events along the entire length of the Trail, often bringing friends with him to share in the experience. He was always willing to engage and share his knowledge or enter into a conversation about Santa Fe Trail history with others.

From his obituary: Mr. Mitchell died in Lubbock, April 1, 2021.

Davy J. Mitchell was born November 24, 1938 in Jal, NM to Wayne B. and Boyce (Southward) Mitchell and his first home in Morton, TX was a one room dugout. His family farmed in the Morton community. Davy earned his Eagle Scout and graduated Morton High School. He then attended Texas Technological College earning his Bachelors in Education with a minor in History/PE. He played catcher for Minor League Baseball for a short time. He taught science and coached for a year in Morton Independent School District. He married Sara Jo Wallace, January 29, 1961 in Morton, TX. They lived in Morton, Gunnison, CO, Longmont, CO, Boulder, CO, Dalhart, TX and Lubbock, TX. Davy sold real estate in Colorado and Texas and later became owner and operator of The Outdoorsman in Lubbock for 44 years. He loved anything to do with the outdoors, hunting, fishing and Western American History. He actively followed his grandkids and had a heart for singing and enjoyed gospel music. Davy was a member and Board member of the Santa Fe Trail Association and the High Plains Jr. Rodeo Association Board for many years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Morton and Lubbock. Davy is survived by his wife Sara Jo Mitchell of Lubbock, 2 daughters, Wendy Moats and husband Paul of Abernathy, TX and Jennifer "Jenny" Altman of Lubbock, 3 grandchildren, Dusty Moats of Hayden, CO, Dillon Moats of Abernathy, TX and Ellie Altman of Lubbock, and a sister Raquetta "Rocky" Wilson of Lubbock.



HIS SANTA FE TRAIL ASSOCIATION SERVICE:

Davy served on the Santa Fe Trail Association board of directors from 2007-2019 and served on various committees, including Membership and Special Appeals. Davy could be found at various events all along the Trail and made friends easily wherever he went. He was a joy to visit with and shared a passion for the history associated with the Santa Fe Trail. He never missed an opportunity to share his knowledge, his questions, or his passion for the Santa Fe Trail.

Submitted by Greg VanCoevern