



Tom Mitchell

April 29, 1957 - August 9, 2015

Thomas J. Mitchell, age 58, of Spirit Lake, passed away Sunday, August 9, 2015, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was born on April 29, 1957, in Brookings, South Dakota, to Donald and LaVonne Mitchell.

Tom served his country in the United States Air Force from 1976, until 1980. He enjoyed golfing and spending time with his family and friends. Tom can best be described as someone with a big heart and would help anyone.

Tom is survived by his two children, Andy Mitchell, and his wife, Brittany of Okoboji, and Hannah Mitchell of Milford; his mother, LaVonne Mitchell of Spirit Lake; brother, Tim Mitchell, and his wife, Joni of Spirit Lake; sister, Jill Mitchell, and her husband, Mike of Port Aransas, Texas; and three grandchildren, Destiny, Aiden and Mason. He was preceded in death by his father, Don Mitchell.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Thursday, August 13, 2015, at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Tom's name.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ I was schocked to learn that Tom died. Although I hadn't really seen him since high school, he was the epitomy of a nice guy and I remember him that way still. His dad Don was a really wonderful teacher, whom I considered King of the old SL Jr High building. In my mind they are together now, and having a great time. My condolences to Jill and Lavonne and the entire family. Kent

Kent Tritle - October 02, 2015 at 04:49 AM

RA

“ Tom Mitchell

Ruth (Shaffer) Albrant - August 26, 2015 at 12:36 AM

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SK

“ Mitch, you will be missed. Without you, growing up wouldn't have been the same. We had many adventures and shenanigans that will be forever etched in my memory. We played basketball, ran track and kept coaches and teachers on their toes. I remember the time your old blue station wagon ran out of gas by the Snow White. Three of us pushed the wagon all the way back to the high school so we wouldn't miss the next class... since we had skipped study hall. We almost didn't make it cause we were laughing so hard. One story of a book full of adventures. Lavonne, Tim and Jill I enjoyed hanging out at your house. Always welcomed and a bee hive of activity. Did Mitch EVER go to bed and sleep? He had one gear, GO! My thoughts are with all of you, Steve Klein

Steve Klein - August 13, 2015 at 01:38 PM

RK

“ Dear Mitchell Family,
So sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. Wouldn't sit still for a minute. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Robyn Kisling
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Robyn Kisling - August 13, 2015 at 12:10 PM

SE

“ Rest in Peace my dear friend Tom. Although I really got to know Tom only a few years ago, we had some of the best times and I will cherish them always. Our thoughts and prayers will be with the entire Mitchell family during this difficult time.

Shari Perley-Tramp & Ethan - August 13, 2015 at 11:26 AM

CT

“ Tom Mitchell

Cheryl Taylor - August 13, 2015 at 07:42 AM

PB

“ *What a true friend Mitch was. Always n good mood n would make u smile when you weren't when I lived in Texas. He come to my moms n ask if she needed any help or would like to have a drink and play pull tabs. He came over and cleaned our gutters out wk before he passed. We talked n joked reminced for an hr. I ll never forget you Mitch RIP. But know u can't Pablo.*

Paul bakke - August 13, 2015 at 12:10 AM

FG

“ *Tom Mitchell*

Friend since 3rd grade - August 12, 2015 at 11:59 PM

PB

“ *Tom Mitchell*

Paul bakke - August 12, 2015 at 11:58 PM

SH

“ *What a great neighbor and friend for 35 years. Prayers and love to all of you.*

Sal haas - August 12, 2015 at 08:44 PM

LM

“ *My sympathy to the Mitchell family! Thinking of you Jill and Lavonne! Praying for you and all of your family*

Luann Mehan - August 12, 2015 at 04:15 PM

MD

“ *Tom Mitchell*

Mike Dougherty - August 12, 2015 at 04:05 PM

GG

“ *tom was fun and fun- I blew up the grill - a situation- really nice guy*

gus gulbranson - August 12, 2015 at 12:01 PM

SF

“ *Mitchell family,
So very sorry for your loss. Tom was such a sweet guy. Someone
we always looked forward to seeing. You are all in our thoughts and
prayers.*

Steve and Julie Ingvall & Family - August 12, 2015 at 10:14 AM

DG

“ *I knew Tom from school, he was always a happy go lucky kind of
person. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Debbie Godbold - August 12, 2015 at 01:50 AM

MS

“ *In elementary school, Tom was that guy that had every cell on his
body running on full throttle every minute, and it never slowed
through our entire school career. When we got reconnected over a
year ago, that same full throttle brought a smile to my face. When
he contacted me on the day of our class reunion to say that he
wasn't feeling well and that he wouldn't be coming, I had no idea
that would be our last words. To the Mitchell family, he was one of a
kind and he will be missed by myself and the rest of SLHS '75. He
brought smiles to our classroom days as we know he has brought to
your days as family members. May memories of his smile, quick
retorts and vivacious attitude carry you in the coming days.*

Marsha (Olson) Smeltzer - August 11, 2015 at 09:49 PM

DB

“ *To Tom's family,
I was very sad to hear of Tom's passing.He was a great guy and
always good to see him.
Dayle Broocks*

Dayle Broocks - August 11, 2015 at 08:55 PM

DB

“ *Tom Mitchell*

Dayle Broocks - August 11, 2015 at 08:50 PM

TO

“ *Tom and I shared a lot of laughs and memories! I prayers to his
family and I will always remember the good times with tom! RIP*

Todd - August 11, 2015 at 08:37 PM

TO

“ *Tom Mitchell*

Todd - August 11, 2015 at 08:35 PM

PT

“ *I first met Tom when he worked at the Post Office. He just made you
laugh even when you were having a bad day. My sympathy and
prayers go out to Toms family.*

Paula Krogman Tietz - August 11, 2015 at 05:22 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Mitchell family. Tom made my day my freshman year of college frequently. Packages and letters would arrive with a note on the outside or a smiley face. It was fun to search for them. I didn't know Tom well but it was always special and nice to have someone else at home thinking of those of us at college.

Susan Parriott Spalding - August 11, 2015 at 04:25 PM

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mitchell families at this difficult time.
Hugs

Scott & Mary Chambers - August 11, 2015 at 03:19 PM

AW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Mitchell family-Tom's smile & sense of humor will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Annie Woods - August 11, 2015 at 02:52 PM

BW

“ To all of Tom's family. So sorry for your loss. Hadn't seen Tom in years, but he was always a nice fella.

Bev Sauer Wittler - August 11, 2015 at 01:21 PM

ML

“ Our sympathy goes out to Tom's family. We will always remember him from our Dry Dock days! You will be missed!

Matt, Jodi & Tegan Lange - August 11, 2015 at 11:32 AM

AF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the family and especially to Andy...
Tom will not be forgotten.

Al & Anita Fischer - August 11, 2015 at 10:09 AM

BW

“ We hope the peace of God would be deep rooted in you at this time
of sorrow, I always got a hey Woody out of Tom when I saw him and
remember how he treated me kindly even as an upper classman in
High School, Jill and Mitchell family we will keep you in our prayers
and God Bless.

Brian and Carol Woods - August 11, 2015 at 09:51 AM

BK

“ My sympathy to the Mitchell family. Lots of good memories of Tom
and his family. God Bless

Bruce Klenken - August 11, 2015 at 08:56 AM

DS

“ Lavonne, Jill and Tim, we are so sorry for your loss. We shared a lot
of fun times and good laughs with Tom over the years. He will
certainly be missed by many, especially that crazy "what am I up to"
smile.

Dean and Judy Sitzmann - August 11, 2015 at 08:41 AM

TV

“ Tom was a classmate of mine and I will always remember his
energy and enthusiasm as a teammate in various sports. My
thoughts and prayers are with the Mitchell family during this difficult
time.

Tom Vint - August 11, 2015 at 07:43 AM

MV

“ Have many great memories of Tom and his family. Played sports with the the boys growing up and their dad was a great mentor for me. My sympathy and condolences to the family.

Mike Vint - August 11, 2015 at 07:04 AM

CG

“ Lavonne, Tim & Joni, Jill & Mike, you have my deepest sympathy. Tom was a pleasure to have as a friend & classmate. Thinking of you all. Let the good memories help through this difficult time.

Cindy Gibson - August 10, 2015 at 11:58 PM

RN

“ Tom Mitchell

Rhonda and David Nelson - August 10, 2015 at 10:41 PM

CB

“ Tom Mitchell

Carla Bjork - August 10, 2015 at 10:40 PM

CB

“ Tom Mitchell

carla bjork - August 10, 2015 at 10:39 PM

CB

“ Tom was a knight in shining armor when I desperately needed one. Thank you my friend and find rest in God's arms

Carla Bjork - August 10, 2015 at 10:27 PM

CB

“ Tom Mitchell

carla_bjork@yahoo.com bjork - August 10, 2015 at 10:20 PM

PR

“ So sorry to read this news about Tom's passing. Thoughts to LaVonne, Tim, and Jill.

Peggy Rick - August 10, 2015 at 09:45 PM

SD

“ Tom was a character. He was sure to make you laugh. There is no one else like him. He will be missed. Hugs to the Mitchell family. Take care.

Sally Christensen DeLoss - August 10, 2015 at 07:25 PM

LH

“ Tom was delightful.....not an adjective that can be used for many people....! He will truly be missed....

Laurie Russell Huseman - August 10, 2015 at 07:08 PM

PB

“ This is a tribute to Tom from Penny Bossow
Tom was a friend of mine he liked making I and Shari laugh when we were out in the bars. Tom loved listening to music and even danced some. Tom would meet Shari and I at the Green Space in Arnold's Park we all had a lot of fun listening to the music and dancing around he was a lot of fun to hang out with. God Bless Tom and his family.

Penny Bossow - August 10, 2015 at 07:05 PM

RS

“ *My condolences to his mom and brother...He was one crazy guy, the only one to still call me "Foxy Roxy". I will miss your smiling face. RIP Tom*

Roxane Slifer - August 10, 2015 at 07:03 PM

LB

“ *Keeping Tom and all of his family in our thoughts and prayers....rest in peace...*

Jeff and Linda Christoffer

Linda L Butcher-Christoffer - August 10, 2015 at 07:01 PM

RN

“ *Long time friends, neighbors, and friend of Toms family. Always fun always enjoying life. We will miss you Tom. Prayer to his family and those he leaves behind.*

Rhonda and David Nelson - August 10, 2015 at 05:39 PM