



Joseph Mitchell

August 14, 1962 - December 31, 2010

Joseph Alan Mitchell, 48, of Aurora, Colo., died on Dec. 31, 2010, in Aurora.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1962, in Munising, son of Joan (Millay) Mitchell and the late Duane Mitchell. Joseph attended schools in Butte, Mont. and graduated from Butte Central High School. He served six years in the U.S. Air Force and then worked 24 years in the health club business.

Joseph loved to play golf and go fishing. He was also an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He had a very outgoing personality and had many friends.

Joseph is survived by his daughter, Madison; his mother, Joan Mitchell of Kingsford; his brothers, David, Terence, Russell, and Robert Mitchell; his sister, Lori Thompson; nine nephews; six nieces; a very special friend and cousin, Ward Mitchell Jr., and uncle, Arthur Mitchell; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Duane, in 1995.

Services were held in Aurora, Colo. and burial will be held in the spring at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Joseph Alan Mitchell at

www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Joe, as I sit here on the computer and listen to your Brother Russ talk to your brother Terry, I sit in awe, listening to the best stories of all of the things that you brothers did together. The fishing stories, the hunting stories, the everything stories that you brothers did together. I can feel the love that you had for one another. About that fishing trip that you guys had planned to go to Canada, Joe, you will be there in spirit. I know it.

Cathy Mitchell - Kingsford, MI - sister-in-law - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Joe, we love you and miss you greatly, although we mourn your loss we also celebrate your new life with our king , Jesus. You traded in your damaged earthly tent for a new resurrected body and a mansion in the great city on the hill, where there is no pain,sorrow, or regrets. Joe it was our honor to be with you in your final days here. you demonstrated great courage and never gave up hope.we prayed for a healing of your body but the lord did a much greater miracle in the healing of your soul and his promise for you of eternal life. Joe you were one of the most giving/thoughtful people i've ever met by the way you reached out to your family and friends, Always checking in on us and always providing an uplifting story from our past or a timely joke to lift us up. Also its a great testimony of your character by the quality of friends, and the beautiful spirit in your daughter Maddy that you helped create and nurture. So Joe, farewell my best friend , we will see you in just a little while, and thanks for living out those words in the Bible " Oh death where is your sting". And Joe forgive me for not taking some of your late night calls. What I wouldn't give for one more.

Dave, Terry,Russ,Bob, Lori - Iron Mnt., MI - Brothers, Sister - January 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our hearts go out to Aunt Joan,Dave,Rusty,

.Terry,Bob,and Laurie.'It is so hard to be so far away from Dads side of the family but we have you in our prayers.God Bless.Mike andCathy Millay,Pat Thatcher,Chris and Neil Giacomino, Tom and Amber Millay And Jusin Millay. .\

mike and cathy millay - townsend, MT - cousin - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ It seems like just a few years ago that we remember Joe in our little neighborhood on Harvard Street, in Butte, Montana, which was a dead end street blocked off by the Crest Nursing Home. How those residents must of enjoyed watching Joe and the rest of our little angels (hooligans?) playing in the street, with the older ones watching out for the little ones and teaching them baseball and whatever else young minds can dream of. Joe had his brothers, Dave, Rusty, Terry, Bob, and sister Laurie. Even though Laurie was the cutest little blond girl, there was no mistake she was super athletic, the best baseball player, and could clean Joe's clock! Joe's mother, Joani, took care of our son, Steve, before he went to school, and also my daughter Kathy, who joined her brother after school. So there were always a ton of kids at the Mitchell's! Joe grew up not only with his brothers & sister, but the four Holter children--Vicky, Tom, Bill & C.D., then let's add the other neighborhood girls--- Tracy Porter, Margaret King, and Rea Williams who was a little older and kept an eye out for the others. (please forgive me for misspelling names). Love to you Joani and your beautiful family. Even if Joe was here for such a short 48 years, he has made a wonderful difference in many lives. Maybe someday we will have the privilege of meeting his daughter.

Kristine & Tom Rozinka and family

Kristine & Tom Rozinka - Polson, MT - friend of the family - January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I am so sorry to read of your loss. Know many of us in Butte have all of you in our prayers.

Tracey Pearson-Foley - Butte, MT - fellow classmate - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I graduated high school with Joe. We lived in the same house (3000 Harvard in Butte) before the Mitchells. Although our paths separated and my contact with Joe is limited to high school and college days, I remember him then as full of life and filled with adventure and good humor. My deepest condolences to all of the family. This is a difficult loss. You are all in my prayer.

John Shuck - High School Classmate - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joe and I graduated together from Butte Central in 1980. He was such fun and always tried to make us laugh. My positive thoughts and heartfelt prayers to his daughter, mother, and family. Thanks for the memories Joe.

Mary (Thurmond) Trimble - Bullhead City, AZ - Classmate Butte Central 1980 - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I just want to say thanks to Joe. I worked at Better Bodies for Joe from 2005-2006 as a sales associate. Joe was a great boss and friend. He definitely loved his daughter, Packers football, and golfing. Thanks for the job, the training, and the good times Joe.
Tad Layman

Tad Layman - Employee - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I knew Joe from Better Bodies Gym. He was always very friendly and fun to visit with. He mentioned his daughter a lot and I know how much he adored and loved her. I am so sorry for your loss. Joe will be missed.

Shelley kowalenko - CO - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM