



Jerry Mitchell Jr.

August 27, 1962 - March 6, 2013

A celebration of life service for Jerry Mitchell, 50, of Shallowater will be at 10 AM, Monday, March 11, 2013, at Oakwood Baptist Church with Dr. Marcus Murphy officiating. Arrangements are under the care of Sanders Funeral Home.

Jerry was born in Lubbock, August 27, 1962, to Jerrell and Laura Mitchell. Jerry attended Lubbock ISD, Wyoming Tech and Wayland Baptist University. He married his high school sweetheart, Raye McCauley, on April 17, 1982. Jerry and Raye have two sons; Dusty and Jerad. Jerry taught Automotive Technology for Lubbock ISD for 22 years. He was President of the Texas Automotive Instructor's Association, Treasurer of Iota Lambda Sigma and District Director of Skills USA. Jerry took immense pride in his students, encouraging and helping them to become the successes that he saw them to be. He was not only their teacher, he was also their friend. Jerry was an avid scuba diver, eventually becoming a PADI Divemaster where he continued to teach and encourage others. He and Raye helped hundreds of scuba students attain their scuba certifications with Southwest Aqua Sports. After a short but valiant fight with ALS, he succumbed March 6, 2013.

Jerry was "the" friend everyone hopes to have in their lifetime. He was generous, kind, loving, honest, sweet and caring. He simply loved people and they loved him back. He had a beautiful smile and an incredible spirit.

Those left behind to cherish his memory include his wife Raye; son Dusty Mitchell (Crystal); grandchildren Bryce and Jordis Mitchell; parents Jerrell and

Laura Mitchell, of Lubbock; sister Lynne Polofka (Steve) of Austin, brothers Rick Mitchell (Mark) of Flower Mound and Bryan Mitchell (Cindy) of Lubbock. Nephews Michael (Katie) and Gary Polofka, Shay (Lyn) Benton and Mitch Mitchell; niece Melinda Polofka; and his mother in law Glenda Reid, of Lubbock. There are hundreds more he touched in this life that will miss him. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to Hospice of Lubbock. 3702 21st Street, Lubbock, 79410, so that others may benefit as he did.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oakwood Baptist Church
60th ST and Ave U
Lubbock, TX 79410
<http://obclubbock.org>

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ As a former student and friend, I have always loved having the luxury of knowing Mr. Mitchell. Stopping by just to shoot the breeze or ask his advise he always welcomed everyone. We will all miss him as he was such a positive effect on so many, I will miss running into him in town at the most random places and hearing him start laughing as we bumped into each other.

Ben Johnson - March 31, 2013 at 11:38 PM



“ Stacey Craig lit a candle in memory of Jerry Mitchell Jr.



Stacey Craig - March 10, 2013 at 08:39 PM

PW

“ Paul West lit a candle in memory of Jerry Mitchell Jr.



Paul West - March 10, 2013 at 06:40 PM

Dale
Dooley

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Dale Dooley - March 10, 2013 at 06:22 PM

LL

“ Lana Lackey lit a candle in memory of Jerry Mitchell Jr.



Lana Lackey - March 10, 2013 at 05:56 PM

MH

“ I knew Jerry from first grade at Rush Elementary until we graduated from Coronado in 1981, and, from the very start, he was always reposed with a calm grace and a ready, warm smile. He was a genuinely good person who never seemed to take himself too seriously even in high school; he always remained thoughtful, good and decent. Apart from his great smile and genial mature manner which really stood out amongst the hubris most young men exhibited, there are two things that I remember about young Jerry: he loved cars and drew the most incredibly detailed sketches of elaborate dragsters during our first and second grade classes, and he could strap on a pair of roller skates and effortlessly and gracefully fly at the Carlisle Roller Rink. It does not surprise me to learn that Jerry became a teacher; he had patience and generously helped struggling students even back in elementary school. I've been away from Lubbock for several decades now, travelled the world with the military and now settled into Michigan, but Jerry Mitchell will always be a person I remember as embodying the very best of West Texas character, and, for me, the world lost a very good soul all too soon. I know his family, friends and students must keenly feel the void his passing leaves. My thoughts and prayers are with Jerry's family. Mary Linn (Niehaus) Hall

Mary (Niehaus) Hall - March 09, 2013 at 09:32 AM

KS

Mary Linn, what a beautiful eulogy to Jerry. I too share in similar fond memories of him, esp. at Carlisle Roller Rink! He contacted me a year or so ago, via Facebook, and it was so nice to reconnect and share in some of those memories. Such a gentle gracious soul, indeed. He will be missed. Glad to know a little more about you as well and that you are doing well. You've been in my thoughts often through the many years. Blessings and prayers for Jerry's family and you my friend.
Kerry Sessions

Kerry Sessions - March 09, 2013 at 03:54 PM

JB

Beautifully and well expressed. Jerry will be missed, but his memories will live on with us!

Jamie (Craig) Batson - March 09, 2013 at 04:01 PM

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