



James "Jimmie" Mitchell, Jr.

June 28, 1954 - August 14, 2020

James Mitchell Jr. – “Jimmie” to loved ones and friends – age 66, of Muskegon, passed away Friday, August 14, 2020. A former U.S. Marine, skilled carpenter, and mechanic, he was born June 28, 1954 to James and Joan Mitchell (Nummerdor). He married his high school sweetheart, Cindy Lou Ruffilo (who was born Nov. 28, 1956), on Aug, 28, 1976. The couple’s children, daughters Teal Shannon, of Detroit, and Mindy Marie, of Muskegon, said “28” was Jimmie and Cindy’s lucky number.

He will be remembered for his love of family, of beautiful things, of doing things the right way, or not doing them at all, and – not least of all – for his cooking, which was second to none: his chicken and dumplings, slow-braised brisket, barbeque, coleslaw, cucumber salad; his guacamole, his deviled eggs, meatballs, patty melts, and the turkeys he’d made over the years when the extended family would gather for Christmas. He could often be found in his mother Joan’s kitchen, before her passing, cooking alongside her, or working on a project with his youngest brother Jody.

Jimmie took pride in a job well done. Those who knew him well knew there wasn’t a restoration project he could turn away – whether it was his grandmother’s house, built by his grandfather’s hands, his classic 1967 Chevy Nova, or his 1972 Chevy Blazer. It wasn’t that he lived in the past; it was that he found joy in the unlimited possibility of the future.

He is survived and greatly missed by his beloved wife and two daughters, and his granddaughter, Olivia. His siblings, Janie (Patrick) Palazzolo, Jon (Ronda) Mitchell, Jill (Don) Szalonek, and Jody (Laura) Mitchell, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins are among those who will also feel his loss, as will many lifelong friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

An open, outdoor celebration of life will be held at 1418 South Sheridan Drive, Muskegon, MI, 49442, Saturday, Aug. 29, from 2 to 6 p.m. Masks will be available.

Please sign the family’s online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.

Arrangements by Sytsema Cremation Services, 773 Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI 49442.
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Events

AUG **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

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Jimmie's Celebration of Life

1418 South Sheridan Drive, Muskegon, MI, US, 49441

Comments



“ Cindy, Teal, Mindy and Olivia...I am so sorry to hear of Jimmie’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and the Mitchell family. Jimmie was so kind and had such a big heart... I thought so highly of him and Cindy. One of the memories that stick with me is Jimmie and my daughter Nicole made up nicknames for each other when she was little. Jimmie was “Jimmie two dogs” and Nicole’s was “Cornflock”. Nicole and I discussed this the other day, and she still remembers the day they came up with those names. We will remember that forever. RIP Jimmie. Hugs to you Cindy and family.

Teresa & Nicole Nummerdor

Teresa Nummerdor - August 25 at 10:28 PM



“ To the Mitchell family, Michael and I have soooo many memories that we could not list them all.Our best thoughts are with you all at this time.



CHERYL CURTIS - August 25 at 10:28 AM



“ Praying for all his family and friends
He was a great man and will be missed dearly.



Nicole Shackelford - August 24 at 02:49 PM



“ Dear Cindy, I am so sorry to read that your husband passed. Mine has 4th stage cancer that's metasisized to his lymph nodes & bones. I just told him about your husband. The memory I have of Jimmy was helping me tear down the back shed at my 97 year old dad's house before his death. He was so full of energy then & a hard worker! Thinking of you & sincere condolences :(



Denice Meyer - August 22 at 11:13 PM



“ I'll never forget your Christmas fudge, your incredible craftsmanship, your fierce love for our family, and that dry sarcastic sense of humor that would always catch me off guard. Words cannot express the void that will be left in the lives of all of us. Sending love to aunt Cindy, Teal, Mindy, Olivia, and the Mitchell/Nummerdor clan with a heavy heart.



Torrey Anderson - August 22 at 06:10 PM



“ Jimmie you were the best addition to mine and Michael's life in Houston. You quickly became Michael's best friend. He knew he could depend on you for any and all things. For me, you made my Timmy's life whole before Michael was a part of our life. You did for him what I couldn't . I will always and forever be so thankful for you. I love you and will miss you forever.

Colleen Bradford - August 21 at 09:03 PM



“ Uncle Jimmie...you were the best Uncle a kid like me could have asked for and I'll love and miss you always.



Tim Bradford - August 21 at 08:14 PM