

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

James Jerome Mitchell of Erie, ND passed away Thursday March 7th at Eventide in Fargo with his wife Darline by his side. He was born October 28, 1930 on a farm in Erie to parents, Paul and Clara (Larson) Mitchell.

James met the love of his life at a church youth convention in Portland, Oregon in 1954. In 1955, they married in Medford, OR. They lived their life on the farm in Erie, ND where they raised their family.

James loved his family, farming, golfing and sharing stories with friends over coffee. He was a fixture at his grandchildren's and great grandchildren's sporting events, often snagging a front row seat. His twenty two great grandchildren were the lights of his life. He entertained them as much as they entertained him. James' home away from home was in Mesa, Arizona where he and Darline wintered every year. They filled their retirement years golfing and spending time in the sunshine.

He will be missed by his village but will forever be in our hearts.

James is survived by his wife Darline, three children: Debra (Brad) Davis, Fargo; Robin (Gykala) Mitchell, Galesburg; Scott (Sandra) Mitchell, Erie, ND; nine grandchildren, Jennifer Steinbring, Warroad, MN; Matthew (Kathryn) Davis, Chaska, MN; Michael (Katherine) Mitchell, Galesburg, ND; Sara (Tyler) King, Casselton, ND; Jay (Trisha) Mitchell, Erie, ND; Jessica (Robert) Fyre, Argusville, ND; Trista (Evan) Lucore, Chanhassen, MN; Joel (Jennifer) Mitchell, Erie, ND; Jacklyn (Chase) Taylor, Gainesville, FL. Twenty-two great grandchildren with number twenty three on the way, two sisters Patricia (Larry) Mercer, Alexandria, IN; Paulette (Ron) Ruby, Alexandria, IN, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Brenda, sister Yvonne Hoganson and brother Merlin.

The family would like to thank Ethos Hospice and the staff at Eventide for the compassionate care he received. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Rural Cass Country Emergency Food Pantry, PO Box 392 Casselton, ND 58012.



**FARMER: A MAN
OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD**

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
JAMES MITCHELL



FUNERAL SERVICE

West Funeral Home Chapel

West Fargo, North Dakota

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Bradley Hoganson

MUSIC

Christy Larson & Dave Adams, *vocalists*

"It Is Well With My Soul"

"You Are Mine" "The Lord's Prayer"

Dixie Miller, *pianist*

Congregational Hymns:

"When We All Get To Heaven"

PALLBEARERS

Mike Mitchell, Jay Mitchell, Joel Mitchell,

Matt Davis, Robert Fyre & Tyler King

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All of James' Great Grandchildren

INTERMENT

Erie Cemetery

Erie, ND

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for
your kindness and support during this difficult time.
Please join them for fellowship following the service*



A FARMER'S CREED

I BELIEVE A MAN'S GREATEST
POSSESSION IS HIS DIGNITY
AND THAT NO CALLING
BESTOWS THIS MORE
ABUNDANTLY THAN FARMING.

I BELIEVE HARD WORK AND
HONEST SWEAT ARE THE
BUILDING BLOCKS OF A PERSON'S
CHARACTER.

I BELIEVE THAT FARMING, DESPITE ITS HARDSHIPS AND
DISAPPOINTMENTS, IS THE MOST HONEST AND HONORABLE
WAY A MAN CAN SPEND HIS DAYS ON EARTH.

I BELIEVE FARMING NURTURES THE CLOSE FAMILY TIES THAT
MAKE LIFE RICH IN WAYS MONEY CAN'T BUY.

I BELIEVE MANY OF THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE INDEED
FREE; THE SPLENDOR OF A SUNRISE, THE RAPTURE OF WIDE
OPEN SPACES, THE EXHILARATING SIGHT OF YOUR LAND
GREENING EACH SPRING.

I BELIEVE TRUE HAPPINESS COMES FROM WATCHING YOUR
CROPS RIPEN IN THE FIELD, YOUR CHILDREN GROW TALL IN
THE SUN, YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FEEL THE PRIDE THAT
SPRINGS FROM THEIR SHARED EXPERIENCE.

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