



## Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell

June 14, 1951 - September 19, 2012

Jeffery Mitchell, 61, passed away on September 19, 2012 at Rose Arbor Hospice Residence. He was born June 14, 1951 in Paw Paw, MI the son of the late James and Leona Mitchell

Jeff proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corp. His friends and family will attest that the discipline and patriotism he learned in the Marines never left him. October 31, 2011, Jeff retired from the Van Buren County Road Commission as Weighmaster/Special Operations Officer. Throughout his 36 years of employment, Jeff built relationships with many people from various agencies throughout the county and state, as well as the public. He was key leader and played an integral role in working to maintain and improve the Kal-Haven and Van Buren Trails.

Jeff's true pride was his family. Jeffrey also enjoyed cooking on the grill. He was a "barbecue master" who loved to cook for his family and friends.

Surviving him are his wife of 38 years, Karen (Vaive); his brother, Gordon of Albuquerque, NM; mother-in-law, Patricia Vaive; many beloved sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws and adored nieces and nephews.

At Jeff's request, there will be no visitation or funeral services. A memorial

celebration will be planned at a later date.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: Memorial contributions may be made to either the Southwest Michigan Safe Communities Steering Committee of Van Buren County (SWMSCSC) or Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail and mailed to Post Office Box 156, Lawrence, MI 49064.

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell



Harper Funeral Home - September 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Still got a piece of you here with me. Miss you Bro.



Steve Allen - July 04, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM

SA

You're still here in my soul. Miss you Big Bro,

Steve Allen - July 04, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

SA

“ You have been and always will be my role model and friend. - “Pee Wee”



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**Stephen Allen** - October 04, 2022 at 07:21 PM

NP

“ NanCe & Ralph Piper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell



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**NanCe & Ralph Piper** - January 11, 2013 at 09:18 PM

TT

“ I was fortunate to have worked with Jeff over the past 20 years. He was a great source of knowledge, was involved in just about every project out there and truly cared about the community in which he served. His shoes will be difficult to fill.

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**Ted Thar** - October 09, 2012 at 08:19 AM

SF

“ I have such fond memories of Jeff, his dedication to everything that he put himself into. He has left a lasting legacy with all of his work for the trails and his efforts are shared by so many every single day.  
Suzann Flowers

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**Suzann Flowers** - October 09, 2012 at 07:05 AM



“ sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell



October 09, 2012 at 06:27 AM



Thinking of you, Karen, and remembering the very good times. Sending hugs and much love.

October 09, 2012 at 06:29 AM



“ Karen, the Hagg's will greatly miss your wonderful husband Jeff. I remember as a little girl coming over to your house and he would always give me a great big bear hug! I know he will be missed greatly.

Sarah (Hagg) Carter

Sarah Carter - October 05, 2012 at 01:52 PM



“ Nancy Burlingham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell



Nancy Burlingham - October 02, 2012 at 03:37 PM

SC

“ Sharon Crotser-Toy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell



Sharon Crotser-Toy - October 01, 2012 at 03:00 PM

EP

“ I have no idea how many nieces noses he's stolen over he years, but the count had to be pretty high ;) We will miss you Uncle Jeff! I will never forget all of the Trail Events and EPIC projects I helped you out with or all of the other great family memories. You'll always be my Super Jeff! <3 RIP

Emily Pleadwell - September 30, 2012 at 11:56 PM



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James Ottens - September 30, 2012 at 09:07 PM



“ James Ottens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell



James Ottens - September 30, 2012 at 09:04 PM



*I met Jeff in 1976 through a wonderful family, (The Vaives) who helped me and housed me for almost a year during my last year in High School. Jeff was like a brother to me and a mentor upon my entrance and tours through the United States Marine Corps. Jeff was a kind and motivated friend. He was always on the go and was a very positive person. The last time I spoke to him was in 2009 when I came to Lawrence for our 30th Class reunion. I know as the last verse of the Marine Corps Hymn goes, he is guarding the streets of Heaven now and out of the pain of this Earth. Rest in Peace Jeff, I'll see you again soon, may our memories of you always be bright in our minds. Semper Fi My Brother.*

James Ottens - September 30, 2012 at 09:05 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jeffrey Mitchell*



Helen Word - September 30, 2012 at 02:38 PM

HW

*So sorry for the loss of your loved one. I knew Jeff when he was a young man. May the Lord bless your family.*

Helen Word - September 30, 2012 at 02:40 PM

AJ

“ *Truly an amazing man! In my years of working with Jeff he was always a friend first and will never forget all the words of encouragement in rough times! Blessed to have met such an amazing person and someone I could truly call friend!*

Amy Jere - September 30, 2012 at 08:00 AM