

Daniel Lee "Pops" Mitchell, 55, of Onida, passed away into his families heavenly arms Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Dan was born November 8, 1957 to James and Warda (Kay) Mitchell in Miller, South Dakota. He attended grade school in Miller and high school in Polo. After high school, he attended a welding program through Huron Technical School and he also attended Northern State University.

As a young boy, he loved to swim and ride his bicycle. He played baseball and was a good short-stop who always had a good hustle! He loved all sports, especially basketball and football. He loved playing and watching both of these sports and he was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He loved reading and anything to do with history. He especially loved small fast convertibles of which he had many!

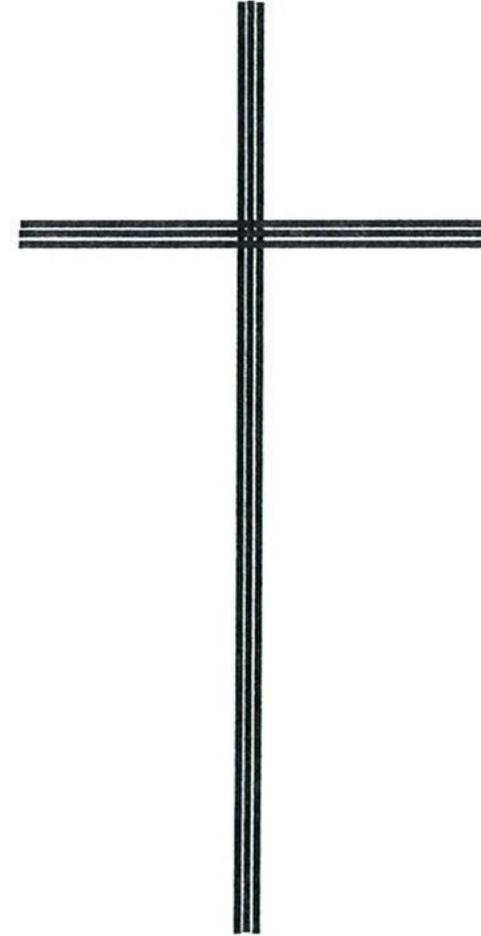
Dan worked at the family business, the Miller Tire Shop, and then spent 16 years working for OK Tire in Aberdeen. His years of experience and knowledge of tires gave Dan the reputation of being one of the best and fastest tire men around. He was presently employed at Lamb Motors in Onida and loved working there.

Dan is survived by his son: Alex of Aberdeen; his ex-wife: Debbie Mitchell (who he married in 1978); father, James Ortmeier of Polo; brothers: Mike Mitchell of Rapid City, Jeff (Patti) Mitchell of Aberdeen, Doc Mitchell of Sioux Falls, Christopher Mitchell of Kansas City, KS and Jim Ortmeier of Polo; sisters: Cathleen (Curtis) Walker of Aberdeen and Betty Jean Mitchell of Sioux Falls; many nieces and nephews; great nieces and great nephews and a special great niece, Lauren Kay Mitchell, who was born on Dan's birthday, which was also the day his cancer was diagnosed.

Preceding Dan in death were his parents: Jim Mitchell and Warda Kay Mitchell Ortmeier; maternal and paternal grandparents; and brother, Jimmy.

Dan will always be remembered as a man who would give you the shirt off of his back and always had a smile on his face. He loved life. Rest easy, Dan!

Celebrating A Life



Daniel "Pops" Mitchell

1957 - 2013

Arrangements Entrusted To



Miller, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net



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November 8, 1957
Miller, South Dakota

February 26, 2013
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Funeral Service

2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 2, 2013
St. Liborius Catholic Church
Polo, South Dakota

Minister

Father Chester Murtha

Casketbearers

Jim Ortmeier
Jeffrey Mitchell

Doc Mitchell
Curtis Walker
Christopher Mitchell

Mike Mitchell
Cary Bauer

Honorary Casketbearers

The Lamb Family and the co-workers' at Lamb Motor Company and all the friends who opened their arms and hearts to Dan and gave him a new place to call home in Onida.

Lector

Jeff Mitchell

Organist

Jo Ann Schaefer

Music Selections

"A Shelter in the Time of Storm"
"On Eagle's Wings" – "Song of Farewell"
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Interment

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Polo, South Dakota

Don't Be Sad

Don't be sad and lonely,
Because I've gone away.
Think about me only,
When it's a brighter day.
Don't waste your time crying,
Since I'm no longer here.
You have spent enough time,
Showing me that you care.
Wipe away your sadness,
For tears won't bring relief.
Cherish the memories,
Forget about your grief.
If I could be with you,
That is where I would be,
But I have no power,
To change life's destiny.
So try to be happy,
Don't mourn your life away,
For we'll be together,
At the end of life's day.