



## Sylvester Joseph "Mitch" Michulka

December 31, 1936 - April 20, 2011

Sylvester Joseph Mitch Michulka, 74, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, died at his home in Rosenberg on April 20, 2011, after a battle with cancer. Born in Wharton on December 31, 1936, Mitch grew up in East Bernard, graduating from East Bernard High School in 1954. He served in the Air Force from 1956–1960, at duty stations in Korea, Cheyenne WY and Del Rio TX. He then returned to East Bernard, but later moved to Rosenberg. He was preceded in death by his parents, K.C. and Elizabeth David Michulka; a half-brother, Louis Michulka; and an adopted sister, Eleanora Kahanek.

An avid camper, fisherman, hunter, and sports fan, Mitch especially loved cheering at his grandson's football games. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, the Houston Rose Society, the American Rose Society and the Czech Heritage Society.

Mitch is survived by his wife of 47 years, Frances Michulka; daughter Michele Michulka Delmar and best friend Gregory Pettigrew; son Matthew Michulka and wife Tina; grandson Jack Delmar; brother Bennie Michulka; many other family members and friends; and beloved family pets, particularly Bubba, a cat who rarely left his side.

Pallbearers will be Matt Michulka, Jack Delmar, Bennie Michulka, Kevin

Koym, Gregory Pettigrew, and David Hennecke.

Visitation at Davis/Greenlawn Funeral Chapel is set for Saturday, April 23, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, with a rosary scheduled at 4:00 pm. Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, April 25, at 10:00 am, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg, officiated by Father William D. Bartniski. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in East Bernard.

The family wishes to express special thanks to Janet DeLong and Stacy Major at Memorial Hermann Hospice, to Father Bill Bartniski, and to Charlotte Rhemann for her wonderful bedside manner, and to friends and family who came to listen to "Pops" tell his stories. Boy, did he like to talk!

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Holy Rosary Catholic Church's St. Francis Guild for the rose garden, to the Holy Rosary Keep the Vision Alive 2011 Fund, or to the Scholarship Fund at Holy Cross Catholic Church, in East Bernard.

Condolences may be left for the Michulka family at [www.DavisGreenlawnfh.com](http://www.DavisGreenlawnfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

PG

“ *Frances and Family,  
Please accept my sympathies on the loss of your "Mitch". May the good Lord bless you with his grace and strength at this time of sorrow.  
I knew Mitch in grade school and high school. My maiden name is Kubala. When walking home, often stopped at his Dad's bottling company for a grapette!*

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**Pauline Gubbels** - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Frances and the rest of the family, very sorry to hear about Mitch. Hold on to the wonderful memories you have and May God Bless you all.*

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**Kenneth Pawlak** - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Frances and family, My deepest sympathy and condolences in your loss. I knew Mitch most when he came into the business where I worked. He was always interesting and full of advise. A good man. I will continue to pray for all of you so that you will be able to remember all the many good that Mitch did for his family and his beloved country.*

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**Marvin E. Adamek** - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Frances, Michelle and Matt,  
  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort in God's grace.*

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**Sharon K. Wallingford** - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our prayers are with the Michulka Family - may your memories of Mitch last forever!

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**Jerry & Jodie Smaistrla** - April 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ With deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dennis and Evelyn Haas** - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Family - We are very sorry to hear of Syl's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. He will be dearly missed.  
Love,  
Deanna&John

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**John and Deanna Pintirsch** - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sorry I could not go to the Rosary, as we had our Easter on Sat. afternoon. Will try to go to the funeral at least. You have our sympathy Frances & Family.  
From Simon & Joyce Bartos & family

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**Simon & Joyce Bartos** - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Frances, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Now he is at peace. May you have comfort in knowing this. Bernice

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**Bernice A. Freudensprung** - April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Matt & Tina,

*I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the other members of your family.*

*Love, Angela*

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**Angela Wodkowski** - April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ Frances and Family,

*My prayers, love, and sympathy are with you at this time of Sylvester's death. At this Easter time, may the Risen Lord take him into the heavenly banquet of rest and peace.*

*Peace, Love, and Prayers  
Father Dan*

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**Father Daniel L. Warden** - April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We are very sorry for your loss. I know that Mitch is now free of pain and will always be in our prayers. Bob & Marcia

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**Bob & Marcia Wodkowski** - April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Our most sincere regards. Lisa Schneider and Nelson's sister Ruby also send their regards.

*Love to each one of you.*

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**Nelson and Delores** - April 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Sending all of you my deepest sympathy. You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. May you all find comfort knowing that he no longer has to suffer. Love, Cherilyn*

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**Cherilyn Pollard** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *Sorry for the Loss of Your Loved ONE .*

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**rolayne young** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Frances,  
May you find peace and comfort in knowing Mitch is no longer suffering. Treasure your memories and know that some day you will be together again. My sincere sympathy.*

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**Pat Schimara** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. May you be comforted to know that your loved one lives on in spirit and is gracing the heavens with his warmth.*

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**Ken Whitton** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Frances, Michelle, Matt & Tina:  
John & I were taken aback when our Matt told us about Mitch. We send you our most sincere condolences on the death of Mitch. We always enjoyed seeing you two, he always made you feel comfortable & welcomed. I will continue to pray for the family for comfort, strength & wisdom. Fondly, Marsha & John*

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**Marsha Watts** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *I'm sorry for your loss*

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**Lori Jones** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *To the family of Mitch Michulka:*

*On behalf of the members of Western Deanery, ACCW we would like to extend our sympathy to you on Mitch' passing. May God comfort you at this difficult time.*

*Love n prayers from your sisters at Western Deanery c/o ....*

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**Norma Locker** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *To Frances and Family,*

*Albert and I share your sorrow at this difficult time. We shall continue to pray for you and for Sylvester and we especailly pray that God will shower his soul with love and mercy.*

*Love & prayers,*

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**Norma Locker** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Frances, Michele, Gregory, Jack, Matt, and Tina - you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Even though we only knew Mitch for a short time, it feels like we have known him a lifetime. You will always have such wonderful memories of him. May God's hand be upon you over the next few days, weeks and months and give you the strength to get through this tough time. Love you, Janet, Delton & Brett Hollmann*

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**Janet & Delton Hollmann** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Frances, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Mitch was a very happy and friendly man. He never met a stranger. He will truley be missed. We will be praying for you. God Bless you. Linda and Clarence Ruether.*

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**Linda Ruether** - April 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM