



*A
Life
Remembered*



Ralph Emerson Mitchell was born on October 8, 1926 to Charles and Mary "Lena" (Schmiedt) Mitchell on the family farm in rural Platte, SD. He attended Kendall Country School in LaRoche Township and went on to a lifelong career in farming. On December 25, 1948 Ralph was united in marriage to Frances Petula at the St. Peter's Catholic Church Parsonage.

Ralph enjoyed music, Polka dancing, playing cards and traveling. Some interesting trips were to Nashville, Canada and Las Vegas during the National Finals Rodeo to watch the calf roping and bronc riding. He took pride in farming and especially loved working with cattle.

Ralph Emerson Mitchell, 89, of Platte, SD passed away Sunday, August 28, 2016 at Platte Health Center Avera.

Grateful for having shared in Ralph's life: his daughter, Nancy (Andy) Murr of Lincoln, NE; a daughter-in-law, Elaine Mitchell of Platte, SD; seven grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren: Michelle (Mike) Green - Amber, Cody, Zach; Greg (Michealla) Gray - Garrett, Gwyneth; Lisa Schutte - Sarah, Savannah; Mike (Denise) Gray - Jake, Cheney, Taeh; Lori (Mike) Skeen - Preston, Haidyn, Korbin; Susan Wilson - Taylen, Kellen; Amy Coulter (fiancé, Joe Schultz) - Sebastien, Genesis, Anthony; two great-great grandchildren: Rowan and Isabelle; a sister, Norma (Lauren) Lucas of Platte, SD; along with many nieces and nephews.

Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Mitchell; his son, Duane Mitchell; his parents, Charles and Lena Mitchell; and three sisters: Viola Anderson, Goldie Keyser and Beulah Dertien.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ralph's honor may be directed to: Platte Senior Center, PO Box 143, Platte, SD 57369 or Helping Hands Food Pantry, PO Box 418, Platte, SD 57369.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Ralph Emerson Mitchell
October 8, 1926 - August 28, 2016

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, September 2, 2016 9:00 A.M.
First Reformed Church
Platte, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Harry Koops

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"

CASKET BEARERS

Jarod Tegethoff Jim VanderPol
Conrad Kuipers Gary Nachtigal
Don Nachtigal Bill Nachtigal

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Ralph's Friends – Wherever They May Be

INTERMENT

Riverview Cemetery
Chamberlain, South Dakota
"What a Day That Will Be"

In remembrance, please turn on your headlights
during the procession to the cemetery.



Mount Funeral Home is honored
to be assisting the Mitchell family.