



## Oliver W. "Mitch" Michaud

November 5, 1932 - March 11, 2025

Oliver W. "Mitch" Michaud, 92, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at Mercy Hospital Perry.

He was born November 5, 1932 in Perryville, MO to Peter Valle and Pearl (Fadler) Michaud.

Mitch and Lavern Wolter were married on December 31, 1977 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chester, IL. She survives him in Perryville.

He served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in occupied Germany post World War II. During that time, he played on the U.S. Airforce Base football team.

Mitch was a Real Estate Broker and the owner of Michaud Enterprises. He was a musician that performed in the Doug & Mitch Band for over 45 years. Mitch enjoyed water skiing, horseback and trail riding, camping, motorcycle and dirt bike riding, stock car racing, attending the Tuesday morning breakfast at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial, visiting the Miraculous Medal Grotto and spending time with his family. He was awarded "Best Grandpa of the Year" by the Republic Monitor. No matter the situation he always told people he was "terrific". Mitch always held his God and his country in high regards.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville, previous member and President of the Lions Club in Perryville, current member of the American Legion Post #133, AmVets #94, a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge and VFW #3557 in Chester, IL.

Additional survivors include three children, Karen Michaud of Perryville, Oliver J. Michaud of Perryville, Denise (Randy) Riehn of Perryville; brother, Melvin (JoNell) Michaud of TX; sister, Yvonne (Joe) Schnitzler of Festus, MO; five grandchildren, Laura (Glen) Buchheit, Dusten Brown, Mandy Brown, Kelly (Rick) Post, Riley Riehn; five great-grandchildren, Kayla (Caleb) Hadler, Megan Buchheit, Iris Post, Lola Post, Leo Post; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter & son-in-law, Christy (Michaud) & Gene Brown; grandchild, Miranda Beth Brown; sister, Sandy (Michaud) Zahner; two brothers, Earl Joseph Michaud, Kermit Paul Michaud.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville and will continue from 8:00 am to 9:30 am on Monday, March 17, 2025 at the funeral home.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Monday, March 17, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Joe Geders C.M. officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Missouri National Veterans Memorial or St. Vincent de Paul School Endowment Fund.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home  
110 S West Street  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Visitation

MAR 17. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home  
110 S West Street  
Perryville, MO 63775

## Funeral Mass

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Perryville)  
1000 Rosati Court  
Perryville, MO 63775

# Tribute Wall

RN

“ I remember our Real Estate days and how nice and informative you were with me. Lots of fond memories and the Johnny Cash songs. R.I.P. Mitch. You will be missed. Robin

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**Robin J Naeger** - April 11, 2025 at 08:35 AM

RS

“ Mitch was a loyal friend! He and I had many good times and he always had a joke for me! My sincere condolences to my dear friend Lavern.

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**Rev Martin Springer** - March 14, 2025 at 07:06 PM

BT

“ My deepest sympathy for your family. I loved your dad. He drove my school bus and we sang Delta Dawn every day. Such great memories.

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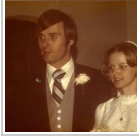
**Belinda Thieret** - March 14, 2025 at 09:18 AM

GT

“ My most sincere sympathy to Lavern and the Michaud family. You like everyone who knew Mitch, have so many happy memories to hold on to. He is a legend who provided so many happy times for so many people for so many years. Thanks for your lifetime friendship old friend. I miss you already. You will not be forgotten. Keep on pickin and singing my friend. A full life well lived. Thanks for the memories.

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**Gene Tucker** - March 13, 2025 at 11:40 PM



“ *Eternal rest is granted unto him. May he rest in peace.  
Denise, Randy and family, please accept our condolences  
JOHN and DEBBY JONES*

John Jones - March 13, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Oliver W. "Mitch" Michaud.*

March 13, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Oliver W. "Mitch" Michaud.*



March 13, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ *That smile!!!! What a laugh and what a joy!  
Praying for ALL of his family and friends.*

Janal Whistler - March 13, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Rebecca R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Oliver W. "Mitch" Michaud.*

Rebecca R. - March 13, 2025 at 10:17 AM

DH

“ *My condolences to the entire family. I first got to know Mitch when I was 18 & worked at Rhodes 101 (now Starbucks), he was always kind, funny and had a story. What a legacy he has left behind, his personality and music touched so many people. Much sympathy to all who knew him.*

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**Diana Howe** - March 13, 2025 at 05:54 AM

DG

“ *With our deepest sympathy to Laverne and family. We've been Blessed in being their neighbor & friend. Much music will be heard in the Heavens of our God. Rest in peace dear friend. We will miss you.*

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**Dale & Diane Grogg** - March 13, 2025 at 01:50 AM

LM

“ *Ann & Larry McGuire send our sympathies. I am sure you have many fond memories to comfort you in your hour of sorrow. We often saw Mitch in church with Lavern.*

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**Larry McGuire** - March 12, 2025 at 10:18 PM

RM

“ *1 file added to the album Mitch*



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**Rebecca Mills** - March 12, 2025 at 08:11 PM

NI

“ *Aside from knowing of Mitch when I was younger and listening to him play music, I never talked to him in person until I became a real estate agent at Preferred Realty. Mitch would stop in quite often for extended chats. I loved listening to his stories. When he left, I always had a sense of calm about me. He had a way of doing that... whether he knew it or not. Mitch will be greatly missed by many.*

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**Nikki** - March 12, 2025 at 07:00 PM

CB

“ *I so hate to hear this. I have known Mitch probably over 50 years. He would sit in with my dad, Bennie Martin, to sing and he always "wowed" the crowd with that deep singing voice that he had. Always had a smile on his face every time you seen him! He will be missed by many!*

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**Crystal Martin Broniste** - March 12, 2025 at 04:59 PM