



## Mitchell N. Vidak Jr.

November 6, 1935 - October 23, 2019

Mitchell Nicholas Vidak, 83 (2 weeks before his 84th birthday) passed away on Wednesday October 23, 2019 in Visalia, CA.

Mitchell was born November 6, 1935 in Dinuba, CA . His parents were Mitchell (Mike) and Frances Vidak. His first school was Columbine Elementary, just north of Delano. He transferred to Orosi Schools in the 7th grade, where he met his future bride, Donna Jean Frey.

After graduation from Orosi High, Mitch attended Reedley College, then joined the United States Army in 1955. While stationed in Bamberg Germany, Mitch became part of the Army Military Honor Guard and the Army Special Police Unit. Mitch was very impressive in his Honor Guard Uniform, and earned numerous metals for his "expert rifle ranking" skills.

After his 2 year tour in the Army, he joined the Tulare County Sheriff Office, beginning as the Tipton Resident Deputy. He climbed on through the ranks, retiring after 30 plus years as a Tulare County Sheriff's Captain.

The 2 Special Girls in his life were his wife of 60 years, Donna and his precious daughter Cindy (1962-2000).

Mitchell and Donna enjoyed traveling in their retirement years.

Mitchell is survived by his wife Donna, Cindy's husband Bradd Haley, his brother Jim Vidak and wife Bobbie and sister in law Barbara Jo Collin and husband Gus. Mitchell was blessed to enjoy a large group of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews plus many cousins. Mitch will be missed by family and friends and remembered for his unique laugh, kind heart, clever wit, and love of the outdoors.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

OCT **28**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Mitchell N. Vidak Jr.*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - October 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mitch and I went to work at the Sheriff's office near the same time. He in Pixley Sub and me at Headquarters. In March 1962, we were both promoted to Sergeant the same day. He was a great guy.*  
*Gene Rutledge*

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**Gene Rutledge** - October 28, 2019 at 06:40 PM

JB

“ *I was informed this evening by my friend Al Pietroforte of Mitchell's passing. Please accept my sincere sympathy and know that Mitchell, his wife Donna, and his loving family will all be in my prayers, especially on Monday during the time of the service, although I cannot attend Mitchell's memorial service in Visalia.*

*Respectfully,*

*Joseph Barba*

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**Joseph Barba** - October 26, 2019 at 11:04 PM

CM

“ One of my best friends, all through the school years, including college, was with Donna Vidak. I knew Mitchell as a great husband and friend. Our later years yielded more fun and sorrow too. I have the greatest regard for this family and my love is there for Donna as she goes on with life. It may be difficult but she will see the day when they meet again. My best to Donna, a friend of a lifetime.  
Carolyn Millhorn

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**Carolyn Millhorn** - October 26, 2019 at 12:24 PM

MM

“ Cousin: I remember the Adobe house on Ave 416. You and your brother used to tell me to talk less or you would lock me in the bathroom. I admired your military career and your Law Enforcement Service. Thank you! You were a great example for others to follow.  
Little Mike, now in Georgia.

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**Michael V Morrelli** - October 26, 2019 at 09:13 AM