



## Mitchell Hoffman

October 8, 1943 - October 16, 2011

Mitchell Lee Hoffman was born October 8, 1943, in Fort Worth, Texas to Fred and Verna Hoffman. He was the youngest child, with older sister, Pat Neyhard of Hillsboro, and a brother John Hoffman, also of Hillsboro. He was preceded in death by another sister, Barbara Starr, who died in June of this year. Mitch was typical younger brother, always into mischief, but loved by his siblings who called him "Butch." His sister, Pat, said they brought baby Mitch home from the hospital in an ambulance and she was so thrilled to have a baby brother that she rocked him. He had long dark hair. He attended Fort Worth schools concluding his education at Polytechnic High School, and also attending Tarrant County Junior College and UTA. He met the love of his life, Connie Maserang, at the Dairy Queen in the 3300 block of Mansfield Highway where she worked. They were married June 4, 1966 recently celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary. Mitch and Connie have two sons, Mickeal Ray Hoffman of Fort Worth and James Matthew Hoffman of Forest Hill and one grandchild, Jeremiah Hoffman. Mitch came from a long line of hard working folks, his father being retired from the railroad. Mitch worked in the food and grocery business for several years including spots at Fort Worth Poultry and Egg, working as a Dairy Queen Manager, he was a store manager for Strick's Foods and as a meat cutter for Ed Harris and the Butcher Shop. He retired recently after more than 20 years with Sam's Club. Mitch's family attended the Baptist church regularly when growing up giving him a solid foundation. He had strong ethical values and a very strong sense of right and wrong. He was

a member of the First Baptist Church of Forest Hill. He loved his boys and grandson very much. Little Jeremiah like to curl up in his Papa's lap and "read" a book, Mitch had a great sense of humor and loved to help people, always willing to do what he could for someone who really needed it. He loyed bargain shopping and looked for things which people enjoyed. For example, one little niece loves cranberry sauce - so when Mitch found it on sale, he would buy her a dozen cans to last through the year. He also helped with shopping for the local charity, Forest Hill Action Group, watching for toys to be on sale really cheap. He read the newspaper from front to back when his health was better and could discuss all aspects of politics. He liked to discuss the woes of the government and had a no nonsense attitude on government and a lot other matters, too. In his earlier years his hobbies included going to auctions (a big tradition in the Hoffman family) going to garage sales and he even operated a booth at an antique mall for a few years. He enjoyed cooking when he felt like it and could read cookbooks for hours. He also liked going to the grocery store and was a coupon king on occasion. He used to love western novels but his favorite thing to do was going out to eat - especially buffets. He enjoyed hotlinks and everything sweet. However, he really did love those Mindy Lu's fried pies. When his sons were young, he liked to take them to the movies. But after movies got so expensive and his health began to fail, he became a real TV fan. Wrestling was his very favorite thing to watch. Nothing better interfere with Monday Night Wrestling! He enjoyed detective shows, especially the crime scene investigation type and loved to discuss what was happening on his shows. Court shows were also high on his list. He really loved his family. When his wife almost died about a year ago, he really began to thank the Lord for bringing her back to life after her heart stopped on the operating table. He wanted only the best for them and for all of them to be successful in this life. He enjoyed participating in family activities like the annual Hoffman Reunion and the Maserang Family Thanksgiving and Christmas happenings. He had a special stool at some of those events - permanently titled now - Uncle Mitch's Stool. He will be missed each day but

he will be up there looking down on his family watching as they progress through life.