



Mr. Mitch Holbrook of DesPlaines

June 7, 1961 - December 16, 2025

Mitch Holbrook, 64, a long-time resident of Des Plaines, Illinois.

Mitch was happiest with a guitar in his hands, a talented musician, whether he was practicing or performing with his band. He was also an automotive enthusiast who enjoyed weekend car shows and took great pride in his two Corvettes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Palmer and Shirley Holbrook. He is survived by his son, Ryan Kelly, who remains his proudest legacy.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Mitch's life on Saturday, January 24, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Rusty Nail Restaurant, located at 4520 Ringwood Road, Ringwood, Illinois 60072. Guests are encouraged to gather, enjoy a meal, share stories about Mitch, and celebrate his life.

The Holbrook family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have

attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Holbrook Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home, Cremation Services and Cemetery Memorials, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169. Morizzo Memorials and Monuments (<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/monuments-and-headstones/memorials-monuments-and-headstones>)

Cemetery Details

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services and Cemetery Memorials

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rusty Nail Restaurant

4520 Ringwood Road

Ringwood, IL 60072

Tribute Wall



“ *I love ya cuz!! I'll miss you terribly!* ”



Belinda Holbrook-DuBois - February 01 at 11:24 AM

DB

If anyone knows Mitch's sons number I really need to speak with him. Mitch was basically my uncle. Please 🙏

Danielle Bolte - March 07 at 07:08 PM

AS

“ It is difficult to put into words how much we will miss Mitch. It would be an understatement to say he was a great guitar player/musician. He was, in a word, amazing. But beyond his musical talents, we got to know someone who was a devoted friend and band mate for 7 years and beyond. Mitch played with the band, The Basement Boys, as the lead guitarist. His renditions of Europa and House is a Rockin" are legendary. Mitch always came to rehearsals happy and eager to go, if not always prepared. LOL The truth is he did not need much prep because he could play anything with minimal practice.

As you can see in the pics, he always wore sunglasses, which we initially thought was to look cool, but soon discovered it was so he could pretend he did not see Jose, the band leader, cuing him to end his lead. LOL

Aside from his musical talent, Mitch was just a great guy. Always willing to come by and sit in with my other band, GMRC. Always willing to come to family events. He always greeted my kids like family and was always encouraging. Always willing to talk and laugh at not so always funny jokes. Band members, like military folk, form a special bond and the Basement Boys had and continue to have that bond even after we broke up in 2001.

One of the things I will always be grateful to Mitch for is teaching my son Andrew to play guitar. In fact, he joined him on his 21st birthday to do a backyard concert. The fact that my son has his music on country radio today is a tribute to Mitch's teaching ability and his constant encouragement. We will all miss his smile, his talent and his ever present sunglasses. The Basement Boys at one time were a band of 9, and sadly Mitch becomes the fifth member we have lost. But he and the others, Joe, Mike, Franky and Billy will live on in our hearts and minds as the brothers in music that we were and will forever continue to be.

We know that as Mitch steps through those gates to begin his

eternal life, his father in heaven will extend his arms to him and as he welcomes him with a loving embrace he will whisper in Mitch's ear, "Well done my son, well done". RIP my brother. I will miss most our phone calls to each other. Until we meet again. Annivar and Family



Annivar Salgado - January 25 at 03:06 PM

HM

“ *Mitch and my husband Gary were band mates and very close friends! Mitch was an amazing guitar player! We miss him so much already! We know you are playing in heaven! Cheers to Mitch! ❤️*



harrier marcelles - January 24 at 04:42 PM

PH

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Phil - January 24 at 04:28 PM

PH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Phil - January 24 at 04:26 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Steve, Maria Welter - January 10 at 10:39 AM

SW

“ I have great memories of Mich, there was a lot of tears in my home when my family found out.

Remembering when Mich was showing my daughter what he knows about playing tunes , showing her how to jam

Halloween night at Dan's house,we ended up at the Log Cabin that night, we hung out until 5am. Watching him play It Kilcoyne.

Rest now, my friend.

I will always remember Mich and the great times we shared.



Steve, Maria Welter - January 09 at 09:36 PM

SW

“ One of the nicest people I have ever had the privilege to know and call a friend. Listening to him on his guitar whether he was just practicing, or playing with his band(Rocktournal)was like watching a master at work. I will miss his smile and his contagious laugh



sally wagner - January 09 at 07:09 PM