

## *Remembering the precious life of...*

Steven M. Mitzel, 74 of Starkweather formerly of Oberon ND passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at his home in the care of his family and Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Steven Marvin Mitzel, son of Anton “Tony” and Faith (Jabs) Mitzel was born on August 5, 1948 in San Diego, California. He grew up and was educated in Oberon, graduating from Oberon High School.

Steven proudly served his country, enlisting in the United States Marine Corps on June 13, 1968. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Sargeant on June 6, 1972.

Steven returned to Oberon and was united in marriage to his precious Jean Jetty. They lived, worked and raised their family in the Oberon area.

Steven worked as a police officer in Langdon and Edmore for a short time, then started a career at the Oberon Elevator. He was employed there for 26 years. Retirement wasn't in his nature so he went to work as a Housekeeping Supervisor at the Spirit Lake Casino, working there for 14 years then retiring. Steven made many friends wherever he worked. The customers loved him and he so enjoyed visiting with them. In his years in Oberon, Steven also owned and operated the Oberon Bar.

He was a devoted husband and Dad and loved spending time with Jean and Steven until their deaths. He loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting. He was an avid fan of the Miami Dolphins too.

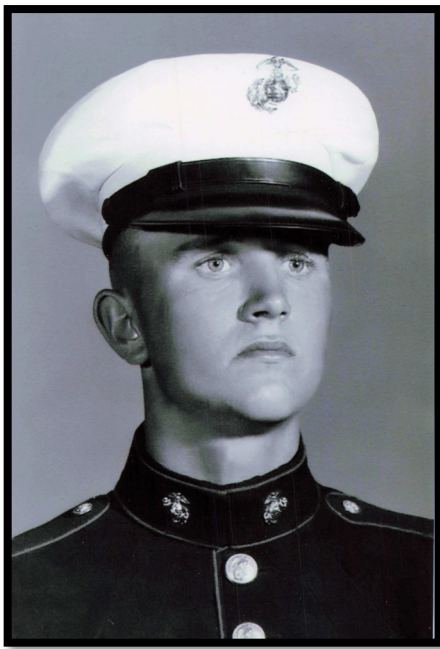
For the past two and a half years, Steven has made his home in Starkweather, ND

Steven was a loving husband, Dad and grandpa and will be dearly missed by his family and many friends he made along life's journey.

He is survived by his son Tony Eback of Oberon and daughter Wanda Littleghost of Starkweather, ND; grandchildren Marcel Mitzel, Drew Mitzel, Naomi Smith and Violet Eback, sister Ramona Wick and Louise DeMarce and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jean, son Steven, brothers John Mitzel, Anton Mitzel and Anthony Mitzel and sister Shirley Mitzel Shockley.





*Forever Loved, Forever In Our Hearts  
Beloved Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Brother,  
Uncle, Cousin, Good Friend and Fellow Marine*

## Steven Marvin Mitzel

### HIS BIRTH

*Thursday, August 5, 1948*

*San Diego, California*

### HIS DEATH

*Tuesday, May 14, 2024*

*Starkweather, North Dakota*

### GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*Gilbertson Funeral Home Chapel*

*Devils Lake, North Dakota*

*Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

### HONORARY BEARERS

*Angie Bull ~ Eric DuBois ~ David Rogness ~ Jolene Small*

*All of Steven's Co-Workers at the Spirit Lake Casino*

### FUNERAL SERVICE

*North Dakota Veterans Cemetery*

*Rural Mandan, North Dakota*

*Thursday, May 23, 2024 ~ 2:00 p.m.*

### MILITARY HONORS

*Accorded by the Dakota Leathernecks Detachment #1419*

*Marine Corps League, Mandan, North Dakota*

*North Dakota Military Funeral Honors Team-Marines*

*Motorcycle Escort*

### OFFICIANT

*Chaplain of the Dakota Leathernecks Detachment #1419*

Do not grieve for me, for now I'm free  
When all has come to the end of the trail  
And the sun has set for me  
Please believe God has set me free  
Preserving ties that bring memories  
Building a special bridge may bring you a peace of mind.  
Do not grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I've broken my chains of life  
He has led me to eternity  
You best believe I am free  
The void of my parting do not be burdened  
For I lived a happy healthy life  
Full of memories that should be cherished.  
Please believe God has set me free  
Lord saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He put His arms around you and whispered  
"My son come to me, I'll set you free."  
A heart of gold stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest  
"Come to me son, I know you did your best."  
Do not grieve for me, for now I'm free.