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Mitchell Allen Brand was born Saturday, November 25, 1961, at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Virginia, a son of the late Gerald Floy Brand and Carol Ann Daugherty Brand Plank.

He died the result of a motorcycle accident in St. James, Missouri, at the age of 42 years, 8 months and 10 days.

On July 28, 2001, at St. James, Missouri, Rev. Jerry Beers united Mitchell in marriage to Ritzel Llena. They have enjoyed three short years together. Mitch had a good handle on the American entrepreneur spirit. He was a partner in B&D Auto Sales and had numerous real estate investments. His family and friends characterized him as being a friend to everyone. He was always willing to help others and put his "stuff" on the back burner. He was a good listener to the problems of others by sharing and keeping the confidence. He would often make you laugh about life's seriousness. Mitch knew a serenity and peace and used this to benefit others. His whole attitude and outlook on life was a positive hope. He realized that God did for him what he could not do for himself.

Among those who remain to mourn his passing are his devoted wife, Ritzel, best known as "Ching", of the home in St. James; two sons, Brad Brand and Eric Brand; one daughter Sonja and husband D.J. Parsons all of St. James, Missouri; two brothers Curtis Brand and wife Tryphena of Steelville, Missouri and Billy Baker and wife Denna of Davisville, Missouri; one sister Lisa Black and husband Alan of Marshfield, Missouri; mother-in-law and father-in-law Salvador and Preciosa Llena of Ormoc City, Phillippines; step father Bill Baker and wife Pat of Davisville, Missouri; other relatives and many friends.

Mitchell Allen Brand lay in state 3-8 p.m. Sunday, August 8, 2004, at the Britton Brothers Funeral Home, Steelville, Missouri. Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Monday, August 9, 2004, in the Britton Chapel with Rev. Jerry Beers officiating. The eulogy was given by Chuck Roth. Musical selections were provided by the Ivie sisters, Joan, Letha, and Rosemary Ivie.

Committal prayers and interment were in First Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherryville, Missouri. Honoring Mitch as pallbearers were Tom Benedick, Russell Bliss, Steve Brougham, Gary Collen, Sam M. Elia, Patrick Ray, Chuck Roth, Ben Shriver and John Woolsey.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Britton Funeral Home, Steelville, Missouri.