



**Dennis Jay Mitin**

Dennis Jay Mitin, 59, of Portland, died unexpectedly, Sunday evening, Nov. 6, 2011 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Dennis, the son of Jay and Alta (Yantzi) Mitin. He was born March 14, 1952 in Pigeon. On April 14, 1973, in Chattanooga, Tenn., he was united in marriage to the love of his life, the former Dorothy Caye Cabeen.

He was a 1970 graduate of Laker High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Saginaw Valley State University and his Master's Degree in Counseling from Trinity (IN) Theological Seminary and was a Ph. D Candidate at Atlantic Coastal Seminary.

Dennis was the owner and operator of Northpoint Counseling Service in Ionia since 2004. He was a member of the Ionia Rotary Club and the Ionia Chamber of Commerce. Dennis was a generous man, a loving husband and father and a silly Papa. He was passionate in his calling to give grace and hope for those battling addictions. He was strengthened in his ministry by his love for the Lord and the belief that he was highly favored and deeply loved by Him. Though his sudden death has shocked us all, Dennis continues to give because of his donation to the Gift of Life Program. You will be missed, Dennis.

Surviving is his wife of 38 years, Caye; his daughter, Amy S. (Steve) Barnard of Katy, Texas; his son, Andrew N. Mitin of Okemos; his two precious grandchildren, Paige C. and Jackson C. Barnard; his father, Jay Mitin of Pigeon; two sisters, Brenda (John) Reabe of Memphis, Tenn. and Becky (Bryan) Miller of Boyne City; and his brother, Phil (Debbie) Mitin of Okemos.

Dennis was preceded in death by his mother, Alta in 1999.

The funeral service to celebrate Dennis' life will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 at the Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home at 210 Bridge Street in Portland, with Rev. Wesley B. Emerson of Mason officiating.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dennis' honor may be made to Paige and Jack Barnard's Educational Trust Fund, C/O Portland Federal Credit Union, 9077 Charlotte Highway, Portland, MI, 48875.

The Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home in Battle Creek is in charge of all the arrangements.

Personal messages for the family and/or favorite memories of Dennis may be placed at [www.farleyestesdowdle.com](http://www.farleyestesdowdle.com)