

## Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher June 26, 1971 - January 2, 2021

Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" Alan Blocher, 49, fought the good fight against brain cancer and victoriously finished the race to meet his Savior on January 2, 2021. Mitch was born on June 26, 1971 in Wabash, Indiana to Alan Leroy and Carol Ann (Barton) Blocher.

Immediately after graduating from Ball State University in 1994, Mitch was accepted by the Indiana State Police and attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He graduated on December 22, 1995 and was sworn in as an Indiana State Trooper on December 24, 1995. During his 25 years of active service with the Indiana State Police, Mitch served on the Emergency Response Team as a Sniper from 2004-2008 and the Underwater Search & Rescue Team from 1998-2004 and 2009-2013 where he was a Dive Master. In 2012, he was promoted to Sergeant and in 2013 was assigned to the Electronic Surveillance Team where he served as Sergeant until his passing. For his heroic achievements during his career, Mitch also received many awards and recognitions, including numerous honors from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization, the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Award in 2010, the Sherlock Award for Fraud Investigation, the US Secret Service Certificate of Appreciation, the US Attorney's Award for Outstanding Contribution to a Prosecution, and the 2010 Indiana State Police Outstanding Investigator of the Year Award.

The brightest part of Mitch's life began on December 5, 1998 when he married fellow BSU Cardinal, Angeline Sunier. Mitch and Angeline settled in Hancock County and began a family with the birth of their oldest son Samuel "Sam" Ray in 2002. Their youngest son, Joseph "Joey" Henry followed in 2004. Mitch enjoyed spending time camping with his family, having backyard bonfires, grilling out and was a favorite fan at his sons' athletic & academic events. An avid runner, Mitch completed the Indianapolis 500 Festival Mini-Marathon many times and in 2014 was awarded the prestigious 500 Club Award, finishing 267th place overall.

Mitch unreservedly loved people and gave special attention to Eastern Hancock Schools and Wilkinson Church of Christ. He was a founding member of the EH Education

Foundation, was invited to the EH Leadership Team and received the Loyal Royal award in 2020 from the EH Athletic Boosters. At WCC, Mitch helped with any and every Men's Ministry function and was an ever-present welcoming face to each person coming in the door, even during his cancer battle. In 2018, Mitch ran a full marathon with Team World Vision at the Indy Monumental Marathon, raising money for clean water around the globe.

Everything about Mitch, from his life, throughout his sickness, and to his death was ultimately to fulfill his greatest purpose on this earth - to point others to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There is nothing that would bring more fulfillment to Mitch's legacy than for people to meet Jesus through his story. He lived the words of Paul, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV)

Mitch is survived by his wife of 22 years, Angeline Blocher; sons, Sam and Joey; mother, Carol Blocher; father, Alan Blocher; sister, Tina (Eric) Menze; brother-in-law, Dane Dawson; and mother-in-law and father-in-law, Chip and Tina Sunier.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, sister, Tamara Dawson and niece, Emma Menze.

A "File by" visitation will be held on Friday, January 15, 2021 from 4-8 p.m. at Wilkinson Church of Christ, 7293 IN-109, Wilkinson. Please be patient as the church is limited to 50 guests at a time.

Funeral services will be private and by invitation only. Those wishing to view the service via Live Webcast will be able to Saturday, January 16, at 12:00 p.m. that will be broadcast through NineStar by Clicking Here(https://vimeo.com/500160339>). To show love and sup port to the Blocher family, you may meet at Eastern Hancock Schools parking lot on Saturday at approximately 1:30 p.m. to see the family and funeral procession. (More information to follow.) In addition, there will be a Celebration of Life service at Wilkinson Church of Christ on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, monetary contributions can be made in Mitch's memory to the Eastern H ancock Education Foundation or Cops for Kids of Indiana, Inc. Edible arrangements will al so be accepted.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service Knightstown Chape I. You may express condolences or share a memory of Mitch at http://www.hinsey-brown.com.

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**Events** 

## **McCray Cemetery**

7500 N State Road 109 Wilkinson, IN, 46186 JAN Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wilkinson Church of Christ 7293 N State Road 109, Wilkinson, IN, US, 46186

## Comments



66 A webcast video has been added.



Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service - January 15 at 09:08 PM



What an awesome testimony of the Lord working through Mitch"s life! I am inspired by his accomplishments and his beautiful testimony! It's a tremendous loss for the world, as we need many more men like this around, but it's also heavens gain. We're SO CLOSE to the Bridrgeoom"s return for His bride, the church.....at any moment now! Anyone who knowns Mitch and knows the Lord, won't be waiting long to see them both, face-to-face!

Praying for a lovely, celebration of Mitch's life tomorrow, and that there will be eternal decisions for Christ made, as the Gospel is preached. May God bless, comfort, and strengthen all who mourn the loss of this precious saint.

Renée F. - January 15 at 10:22 PM



So sorry for your loss. I knew Mitch when I worked for ISP and liked him very much. He will be greatly missed by all of the ISP family and I know you will miss him even more. May he rest in peace with his Lord.

Christie Jarrett, former PIO secretary. GHQ

Christie Jarrett - January 15 at 08:55 AM



KeyW/EIG Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



KeyW/EIG Family - January 15 at 12:34 AM



I didn't know Sgt. Blocher personally, but I extend to the family my prayers and condolences through this most difficult time. Richard Clark, Chief, Utica Indiana Police Department.

Chief Richard A. Clark - January 14 at 09:16 PM



Hello! No words can be said to ease the pain in the heart or erase the tears that will flow at the loss of my ISP Brother Mitch Blocher...Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in this trying time....You fought a good fight, kept your eye on the prize, now it's time to rest...Jeff Simmons

Jeff Simmons - January 14 at 04:23 PM



I did not know you but want to thank you for your years of service to keep our state a safer place! Rest In Peace sir



Dee Hill - January 14 at 01:16 PM



Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A.



January 14 at 12:18 PM



Another hero down. RIP. Prayer sent. Thank you for your service Trooper Mitch.

Norman Stuart - January 14 at 11:34 AM



I remember when you joined ISP. You was helping your dad with some trucking. You are a Hero. Prayers and thoughts you your family.

Gary Green - January 14 at 11:13 AM



Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



January 10 at 03:49 PM



66 I babysit Mitch and his sisters and have special memories of him.will always remember that smile. You will be missed. Rest in peace my friend

JEAN MILLER - January 09 at 10:41 AM



66 ATF Indianapolis II (Industry Operations) purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



ATF Indianapolis II (Industry Operations) - January 08 at 11:02 AM



**66** Chip, my prayers for the family, I meet Mitch only once and I know he will be missed

retired IFD J. Webb

Jim Webb - January 08 at 10:40 AM



66 I'm so sorry to hear about Mitch passing. I enjoyed the years we spent together as kids and teenagers.

Matthew J Blocher

Matt Blocher - January 07 at 07:24 PM



My wife and I have been blessed to know Mitch and his family. As a Georgia State Trooper, Mitch was my idea of a perfect Indiana State Trooper. He was everything a Trooper was meant to be - fit, intelligent, courageous, had high Christian values, strong ethics, a peace warrior who was always looking to help or serve someone. We learned in Trooper school that, "if you have it, you will be here forever. If you don't have it, you won't be here long." Mitch definitely had it! He always went the extra mile - he never faltered, never failed. Mitch was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. We have lost a great man, but have been truly blessed for having known him. What wonderful memories we have to keep Mitch alive in our hearts forever. Our most sincere sympathy and prayers to Ange, Sam, Joe, Carol, Tina and family.

Retired GA State Trooper, Gene Toole and wife, Tamara



Gene Toole - January 07 at 05:52 PM



Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



January 07 at 12:51 PM



I haven't seen Mitch since summer of 1990 when we celebrated graduating high school with our families camping. My father, Don hired him to drive semi as Mitch was trying to discover his career path. What a career he has had! It fills us with love & joy that Mitch accomplished all his dreams in life. It's heart breaking to hear of his passing. I know that Mitch's drive & passion were only surpassed by his love of family and faith. Our most sincere thoughts & prayers go to his family. His light here on earth burned so brightly we will no doubt see it again in the stars. Denise Eades



Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



January 06 at 06:44 PM



We send our love to Ange, Sam, Joey and all the family... Mitch was a phenomenal man who lived well and courageously fought for life. Through sad tears of loss we celebrate his eternal life (all praise to God)! In His Care,. Jef & Dianne Farmer & Family

Dianne Farmer - January 06 at 01:32 PM



Thoughts and prayers for the Blocher family. It was an honor to work with Mitch. He was the only trooper that I knew that could drive a semi. Respectfully, Donna Decker ISP

Donna Decker - January 06 at 12:54 PM



Fishers Police Department purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



Fishers Police Department - January 06 at 08:48 AM



**66** Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



January 05 at 11:29 PM



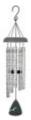
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January 05 at 09:07 PM



Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Sgt. Mitchell "Mitch" A. Blocher.



January 05 at 07:35 PM



I am a cousin to Tina Sunier. I am sorry I didn't know Mitch but his accomplishments are amazing. And the community support has been amazing. My prayers and thoughts will be with you during this difficult time. Love to you, Mike and Janet Coers Wallace

Janet Wallace - January 05 at 06:54 PM