

DR. MITCHELL C. TARCZYNSKI

Des Moines

Dr. Mitchell C. Tarczyński is no longer among us to share our happiness and our sadness. Beloved of Irene Hegedus and daughter Monica Hegedus-Tarczyński; son of Richard and Marie Tarczyński; brother of Mark, Matthew, Madelene, and Meredith Tarczyński, Mitchell passed away suddenly on Thursday, December 17, 2009, leaving a vast emptiness in everyone's hearts. Mitch was 51.

Born on July 2, 1958, Mitch always possessed an extraordinary thirst for learning, frequently travelling and learning about new cultures. After graduating from Florida State University with a Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Mitchell completed his post-doctoral work at the University of Arizona in Molecular Biology. With a passion for helping people, Mitchell worked for Pioneer Hi-Bred International for the last 15 years. As a well-read and well-informed individual, Mitch dedicated himself to both the research he excelled at and the people he worked with at Pioneer.

The depths of Mitch's intellectual abilities were equally matched by his compassion for all living beings and people, especially his family. A fantastic husband and father, Mitch illustrated his love and kindness, his strength and spirit, and his humor to all, but most certainly to his daughter Monica. Taking pleasure in intense discussion, Mitch both listened and spoke carefully and earnestly, attempting to understand others' perspectives and opinions, enjoying the camaraderie of those who gave meaning to profound thinking. Family reunions were exceptionally entertaining and important to Mitch, who maintained a deep, internalized love for all his family.

A natural leader and role model, there was no equal to the love and compassion within Mitchell's heart. His passing truly leaves the world with one less amazing man.

We will forever love and miss you, Mitch!