



Robert A. "Trapper" Mercer

June 1, 1939 - August 22, 2007

Robert A. "Trapper" Mercer, Sr., 68, of Topeka passed away at home with his family Sun. August 19, 2007 after a short battle with cancer. He was born June 1, 1939 in Shattuck, OK, the son of John H. and Callie Mae McRee Mercer. Bob joined the Air Force in 1956 at the age of 17, serving in Korea, North Africa, Japan and three tours in Vietnam. He spent the last two years as a USAF recruiter in Wichita before retiring in 1976 as a Senior Master Sergeant. Bob began his military career as an electronic specialist, working on F-4 fighter jets and maintaining electronic automatic pilot systems. Upon retirement he completed his education at Washburn University with an Associate Degree in Computer Science. He then began his second career of 17 years with Seymour Foods, Inc., traveling the world installing electronic equipment as an electrical engineer. Upon retiring from Seymour Foods, Bob worked for the Meriden U.S. Post Office and then Burlington Northern Santa Fe as an electrical engineer. Bob was a founding member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, a lifetime member and Past Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Meriden Memorial Post 10815, a member of the Eagles Lodge, Air Force Sergeants Association, American Legion Post 400, former Alfred Neese Mason, and former Masonic President of the Disabled American Veterans. Bob spent many hours with his family and closest friends enjoying his favorite pastimes including shuffleboard, horses, playing cards, dancing, farming and attending VFW and his grandchildren's events. In Bob's final hours he spoke of his family's commitment to him during his battle with

cancer. He will be greatly missed by his many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law. Bob and Barbara were married on August 23, 1958 in Novato, CA. She survives. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Wayne "Shorty" Tusing, Billy Ray, Wesley Tusing and Hice Mercer. Other survivors include three sons, Mark (Shelli), Robert, Jr. (Rebecca), Chris (Kristi); daughter Elizabeth; nine grandchildren: Joseph, Stuart, Jordan, Madison, Trisha, Evan, Colton, Braedon and soon to be Kadon, all of Topeka, as well as his twin sister, Vera Clark of Linden, TX; brothers James Mercer of Modesto, CA and Johnny Tusing of Colo. Spr., Colo.; longtime friend and sidekick Terry Cohee, Frank Cohee; sisters-in-law, Mary W. Thomasson and Betty J. Anderson. Bob will lie in state from 5 to 8 pm Wed., Aug. 22 at Mater Dei Assumption Catholic Church with a parish Rosary beginning at 6:00 pm. In observance of their 49th wedding anniversary there will be no services on Thursday. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am Fri., Aug. 24 at Mater Dei Assumption Church with burial to follow in Prairie Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church and sent in care of the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert A. "Trapper" Mercer*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Barbara and Family,
You all are in my thoughts and prays during this time of need.
With deepest sympathy
Pam Levanduski*

Pamela Levanduski - August 24, 2007 at 02:20 PM



“ *Mark, Shelli and Family, We are saddened to hear of your loss, May
God comfort you in this trying time and help you remember and
celebrate the life you shared. Tad & Cherie Houston*

Tad Houston - August 22, 2007 at 09:54 AM



“ *To the entire family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Wayne worked closely with Bob
when he was commander of VFW. Bob was a great guy. My
thoughts & prayers go out to you.*

Dee

Dee Crawford - August 22, 2007 at 09:33 AM



“ *Barb & Family, I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers
are with you and your family. Mike Browne*

Mike Browne - August 21, 2007 at 02:37 PM

MC

“ Barb & family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers go out to your family. Cherish your memories. With deepest sympathy. Mary & Steve Crecelius

Mary Crecelius - August 21, 2007 at 12:39 PM

TO

“ Chris, We were sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Trent, Kelle, Luke, and Colin Oestreich

Trent Oestreich - August 21, 2007 at 11:39 AM

SM

“ Chris, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you that you may get through this very difficult time. What a great blessing though that you have so many wonderful memories of your father.

Shelby McBride - August 21, 2007 at 10:43 AM

CC

“ Barb, Chris, and families,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
With deepest sympathy,
Chance, Laura, Colten, and Cheigh Cox

Chance Cox - August 21, 2007 at 10:26 AM

RM

“ *Mark, Shelli, and girls, we're so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Rose, Scott, & McKenna Miller

Rose Miller - August 21, 2007 at 09:19 AM

TB

“ *Best wishes to you Beth and your family. Sorry for your lost.*

Terry Berberick - August 21, 2007 at 08:07 AM