



James A. Mercer Sr.

June 6, 1939 - November 3, 2021

James (Jim) Allen Mercer, Sr. age 82, of Waterville, Ohio passed away Wednesday November 3, 2021 at Hospice of Perrysburg. He was born June 6, 1939 in Massillon, Ohio, the son of the late James W. and Helen M. (Burke) Mercer. Jim was a lifelong educator with Toledo Public Schools. He was very proud of his career and thousands of staff, students and families were positively impacted by his leadership. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, football, cooking, baking, gardening and loved spending time with his family. He was a member of St. Stephens A.M.E. Church.

Jim is survived by his wife, Gay Mercer, his children, Kelly (Shawn) Simmons, Elizabeth A. Broadnax, and James (Tameka) Mercer, Jr. He has two grandsons (Juan C. Broadnax, Jr. and Luke A. Mercer); and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife; Theotias "Lottie" Mercer, his siblings; George E. Mercer Sr., Barbara A. Cortes, Dorothy J. Wesley, and Roland R. Mercer.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home & Cremation Services
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604
(419) 248-4254
info@dalefh.com

Family Hour

NOV 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Mr. Mercer was my wonderful Spanish Teacher at DeVilbiss High School. He had a profoundly positive affect on my life. May he Rest In Peace.* ”



Peggy Harris - November 30, 2021 at 07:44 AM

NG

“ *Sincere Condolences to his family & close associates. ..."A scholar and a gentleman". Our daughter, (Dr. Tiffany Gurley-Alloway), was coed w/ son, James A. Jr.* ”

N & P Gurley - November 23, 2021 at 04:14 PM

IH

“ *My prayers are with you Beth and family at such a time of great loss. Inez Hale* ”



Inez Hale - November 12, 2021 at 05:52 AM

RB

“ *Ruby Burel lit a candle in memory of James A. Mercer Sr.* ”



Ruby Burel - November 11, 2021 at 08:49 AM

SB

“ *Mr. Mercer,
Grandpa thank you for your unconditional
love and support.
You encouraged , inspired, and stood for
nothing less than excellence .
You talked the talk and walked the walked.
A faithful servant, I will miss you and the bond we shared will
forever live in my heart.
I'll never forget you .
Shifon*



Shifon Ballard - November 09, 2021 at 11:49 PM

SN

“ *Dear Gay and Family,
We are sorry to hear of the passing of Jim.
Please know that you are in our thoughts and
prayers.
Love to you all
Sigrid, Nick, and Family*



SIGRID H NICHOLAS - November 09, 2021 at 11:24 PM

JL

“ *RIP Mr. Mercer. You were a wonderful man and a thoughtful human
being. I enjoyed working with you for a brief time at Noral Realty
and appreciated your kindness and wisdom.*

Julia Lee - November 09, 2021 at 11:57 AM

SM

“ *I haven't seen my cousin in years, Didn't know he was still here.
What a way to find out about one of your family members. Rest in
Peace Jimmy. Your cousin Sharon (Rogers) McClellan*

Sharon mccllellan - November 09, 2021 at 11:39 AM

SR

“ Dear family, you have my sincere condolences. Mr. Mercer was my first boss while working as &is office assistant at Scott High School (1976). There I learned about character, professionalism, and self worth.

Sherese Russell-Smith - November 09, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..



November 09, 2021 at 08:33 AM

JS

“ Jewel Strahan lit a candle in memory of James A. Mercer Sr.



jewel strahan - November 09, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..



November 09, 2021 at 06:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



November 08, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *Condolences to the family of Mr. Mercer. He was a teacher at DeVilbiss High School when I attended there. I always looked up to him. May God comfort the family in their time of grief.*



Joyce - November 08, 2021 at 07:39 AM



“ *Andrea Stengel lit a candle in memory of James A. Mercer Sr.*



Andrea Stengel - November 07, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



November 07, 2021 at 02:19 PM

TK

“ *The Family of Lawton and Arneize Kelley purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



The Family of Lawton and Arneize Kelley - November 07, 2021 at 01:11 PM

EB

“ *Eddings Family Cheryl, Marcus,& Brandon purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



Eddings Family Cheryl, Marcus,& Brandon - November 07, 2021 at 12:53 PM

JS

“ *Gay, I was so sorry to learn of Jim's passing. Please accept my sincerest condolences. Christopher and I will keep you in our prayers*



jewel strahan - November 07, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



November 06, 2021 at 05:07 PM

KR

“ *Beth, Juan and family*
Our prayers are truly with you all. We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our condolences go out to all of you. Please know we are Praying for you all! We thank God your dad is no longer suffering and is in a better place. Love you always,
Kim Reeder & Kristopher Broadnax 🍷🙏

Kimberly Reeder - November 06, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



November 06, 2021 at 03:13 PM

JT

“ *Dad Mercer was always a man of kindness and joy. I was welcomed into the family about three decades ago. He was always welcoming and gave me an encouraging word. Thanks for your willingness to open your home and share your family with me during a time when I needed it most. My greatest memory is the bread you made and served with butter, jam or cheese. It was some the best homemade bread I have ever had. I will remember your smiling face and big hugs. Well done!!*

Jennifer Kee Tyson - November 06, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



November 06, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Mercer Sr..*



November 06, 2021 at 12:59 PM