



Carlton L. Mercer

April 30, 1929 - November 15, 2018

Carlton Leon Mercer (Sonny) missed the sunrise on November 15, 2018 as he entered eternal rest surrounded by his family.

Born in Harrietta Michigan on April 30, 1929 at 3:00 AM, he was always up before the sun. It became a family tradition, a big pot of coffee while we wait for the sun. Born to Carl J and Mable (Hewitt) Mercer with siblings Grace, Doris, Clarence, Howard, Frances, Jeanette and Annette. Carl proudly served our country in the United States Air Force as a firefighter from 1947-1950 with stations in Germany, Alaska and Washington. He was a machinist, fabricator and plant manager in the Grand Rapids area for the majority of his working life. After a short trial retirement, he was a contract trouble-shooter in a number of GM plants. In retirement he built a home on the family homestead in Harrietta and happily lived out his days far away from the city in the woods and meadows he loved most. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and a family that always kept him busy.

Carl is survived by his wife Janice; his youngest sister Annette; daughters Carla (Russ) Clark and Brenda (Mark) Wiersma; sons Terry (Denise) Mercer and Larry (Sandy) Mercer; step-daughter Leslie (Darin) Holmes and the mother of his children Alyce Gray. He also leaves 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends that love and will miss his "Carl-isms" and gruff voice.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Sunday June 9, 2019 for Carlton. Family and friends are invited to gather at 2 p.m. at the Rockford Sportsman's Club in Rockford Michigan, located at 11115 Northland Dr. NE. There will be a memorial service with military honors, followed by a luncheon and time for sharing great stories and memories.

Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to Hospice of Michigan. They have been an amazing help to his family during the past few weeks and we thank all the wonderful people who shared in this last journey.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com

Tribute Wall

HM

“ *Condolences from Sharon & I
Phoebe Mercer Mcinnes/Aubin Was my mom she used to talk about
Sonny & all her realitivs from Harrietta
Again sorry for your loss
Hugh Mcinnes*

Hugh&sharon Mcinnes - November 18, 2018 at 11:58 PM

DB

“ *So sorry to hear about Sonny.
Many happy memories of riding snowmobiles and mini bikes
together at camp. Always lots of fun stories to hear when we were
all together.
You'
re all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Dave & Shelley Mercer Brown - November 18, 2018 at 01:03 PM

LH

“ *What a great friend Carol and I always had a great laugh when stop
by the house, he will be greatly missed.*

Lorne HAASE - November 17, 2018 at 10:26 AM