Richard Orson Mercer

August 18, 1947 - September 25, 2015

Richard Orson Mercer of Buckley passed away Friday evening, September 25, 2015 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 68. Richard was born August 18, 1947 in Cadillac to Elmer H. and Ruth I. (Simmons) Mercer and they preceded him in death.

He attended junior high and high school in Arizona and later moved back to Cadillac with his family. Richard was drafted into the Army and served for two years. After his time in the service he worked as an auto mechanic. He advanced to become a certified master mechanic and was employed by: Lake City Ford, Weidner Motor Sales and Fox Motors until retiring in 2014.

Richard was a member of the AMVETS of Mesick and a life member of both the National Rifle Association and Missaukee County Sportsman Club. He recently began attending LifeHouse Assembly of God in Cadillac. Richard loved antiques, refurbishing and repairing guns and treasuring hunting at garage sales. He was known for his ability to fix anything and joy of helping others.

On June 24, 1995 in Manton he married the former Ruth A. Brinckerhoff and she survives him along with three children: Cassandra (Glen) Shack of Fenton, Richard E. (Holly) Mercer of Tennessee and Brandee (Sean) Smith of Cadillac; seven grandchildren; brothers, Jerry Mercer of Cadillac, Stanley

Mercer (Dee Jeschae) of Lake City and sisters, Ellen (Garold) Wright of Cadillac, Mildred (Ron) Bundy of Manton.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sisters: Donna Miller, Sarrah Wallace and Frances Cederberg.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Pastor Tom Mattiuzzo officiating. Friends may meet the family Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Old Jennings Cemetery in Missaukee County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JH

Rich always amazed us with knowledge he had about engines, guns, collectibles and the joy he had with and teaching about the same. His love for Ruth was non-ending and showed in his eyes and voice. A great friend and neighbor. Our prayers are with you and your family

Jerry & Karlene Hoekwater - September 29, 2015 at 09:59 PM

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Rich was always a joy to be around. Can'
t say enough good things. He helped my brother with guns. True American and wonderful man he will be missed. Praying for his friends and family.

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Richard was a truly kind and genuine man. I am sad you are gone but am reassured you are smiling down on us from heaven. You will be truly missed friend.

Carl and Magda Couturier - September 28, 2015 at 12:54 PM

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R.I.P. old friend! I will miss you.

Gary Dexter - September 28, 2015 at 12:48 PM