



## Bobby E. Mercer

January 11, 1936 - January 22, 2015

Funeral services for Mr. Bob Mercer , age 79, will be conducted Monday, January 26, at 2 pm in Williams Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Glover officiating.

The family will be at Williams Funeral Home Sunday from 4 to 6 PM to receive friends.

Mr. Mercer was a lifelong resident of Baldwin County, he was a veteran of the U. S. Army having served in the 82nd Air borne. He was the son of the late Fred and Rosalie Orr Mercer, he was predeceased by his wife Joyce Mills Mercer. The owner operator of Bobs Barber Shop and was a member of the Mt. Hope United Methodist Church in Hancock County.

Survivors include a son Shawn (Amanda) Mercer and a granddaughter Emma Catherine Mercer of Milledgeville; brother Johnny Mercer of Tucker, GA; a number of other relatives also survive.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations to the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Services

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family. Charles and Susan Hansel



Susan Hansel - January 29, 2015 at 06:05 PM

KF

“ May Jehovah God continue to comfort your family during this trying time.

knox family - January 27, 2015 at 05:50 AM

SH

“ My dad loved Mr. Mercer and he always cut all my boys hair. RIP Mr. Mercer!



Sherrie Harding - January 26, 2015 at 11:11 PM



“ Sara Sanders lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



Sara Sanders - January 26, 2015 at 07:08 PM

KA

“ Ken Day & Amie Day Arevalo lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



Ken Day & Amie Day Arevalo - January 26, 2015 at 02:40 PM

BS

“ So sorry to here Mr. Bob is gone. He and Howell have been cutting my hair from when I was 5 yrs old till this day. He will always be the great man I remember. Rest in peace Mr. Mercer, you will be missed dearly.

Bob Simmons

Bob Simmons - January 26, 2015 at 01:29 PM

LM

“ Sorry to hear about Bob: For every memory, this brings a wish for peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Luther & Berta and friends at Johnnie McDade Grocery.



LUTHER MINOR - January 26, 2015 at 12:02 PM

BU

“ Please say it ain't so!!! Mr. Mercer is such a local icon and there's simply no one who can fill his shoe's as a great barber and commentator. My condolences to his family and many, many friends. I was shocked and saddened to find out about his passing. I think a local street or park should be named in Mr. Mercer's honor!

Buck - January 26, 2015 at 10:33 AM

LF

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



Lamar & Flo Franks - January 26, 2015 at 10:32 AM

TF

“ *Tracey M French lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



Tracey M French - January 26, 2015 at 10:19 AM

TF

*My heart was broken when I heard the news. I will miss you dearly! I will miss our long talks at the lottery store and miss you showing me the pictures of your beautiful granddaughter. I will miss you showing me all of your different boots and sharing all of your stories of how you got each pair! All your wonderful stories of your family and especially those of your "beautiful angel" as you called her! Fly High Beautiful Angel, Fly High!! Sending my thoughts, Love and many Prayers to the family! I do not know you all personally but, I have heard many wonderful stories and I pray for peace and comfort during this time!*

Tracey M French - January 26, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ *Some of my fondest memories of my own Daddy were accompanying him on Saturdays to get a haircut. So sorry for your loss, Shawn.*

Beverly Booker - January 26, 2015 at 09:32 AM

AB

“ *My condolences Shawn and Amanda. My prayers are with you.*

*Ann Bertoli*

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**Ann Bertoli** - January 26, 2015 at 09:19 AM

NQ

“ *Mr. Mercer cut my hair for over 30 years. I will surely miss seeing him downtown Milledgeville. May he rest in peace my thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

*Nathan B Quinn*

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**Nathan B Quinn** - January 25, 2015 at 09:45 PM



LW

“ *Mr. Mercer cut my hair when I came to GMC years ago. We have ever since been good friends! Rest in peace, our Angel. U will be greatly missed. With Love & Respect, Lou & Sharon Williams Milledgeville, Georgia*

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**Lou & Sharon Williams** - January 25, 2015 at 09:12 PM



“ *Camilla Ivey lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*

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**Camilla Ivey** - January 25, 2015 at 07:17 PM





*Our son's got their first haircuts with Mr. Bobby & Mr. Howell...not to mention their Papa William (Bill) Ivey went every week even if he didn't need a cut.... God speed <3*

**Camilla Ivey** - January 25, 2015 at 07:27 PM

S#

“ *There have been many State Troopers that passed through that barber shop door. We would come in for a fresh cut, or just come in to visit and hear the local politics. Mr. Bob & Mr. Howell were staunch supporters of law enforcement. Mr. Bob gave more than just a haircut, you learned about life and the proper way to live. There were many talks of men being men and the nostalgia of responsible men was kept alive by those 2 barbers. If there was an empty chair, you didn't mind waiting for your haircut because there was always something to talk about with the folks that came in. Friends, neighbors, and business people all came in while you were in there. It was just a good place to meet. Sometimes you get your haircut and sit back down in the waiting chairs to finish up a conversation. Mr. Bob's barber shop was an icon for this town. Everyone knew where Mercer's shop was. My hat is off to both men, for the years of service they provided (mostly standing on their feet) for this community. Mr. Bob, I hate to see you go, but you have earned this rest. Go in peace, my friend. SGT David W. Phillips GSP #211*

**SGT David W. Phillips GSP #211** - January 25, 2015 at 07:02 PM

DB

“ *David & Carol Brett lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



**David & Carol Brett** - January 25, 2015 at 06:22 PM

DA

*Lost a good man. Rest in peace with Joyce. You will be missed here on earth.*

David - January 25, 2015 at 06:24 PM

RP

*“ I have often driven from Columbus to Milledgeville for the trip, a haircut from Howell and a visit with Bobby. His Barber Shop was one of those special places that capture an atmosphere unique to another era. There one could find the economic and social strata of the community as well as conversation on world, state and community affairs, informed and uninformed opinion, tall tales, joking, helpful hints, homegrown wisdom, how-to's and friends. Milledgeville has lost a good man and a friend to many. His days need to be remembered for the many good times that were there, the talks, sharing, visits, his statements of fact as he saw it, his willingness to stand for things dear to him, his loyalty and love to his wife and those close to him and his delivery of an unvarnished truth when that was called for. I will miss my friend and his presence and offer my condolences to his family and community. Men like Bobby are a rare commodity these days.*

Rev. Dr. Thomas Peavy - January 25, 2015 at 01:54 PM

Jl

*“ Jimmy & Brenda Snellgrove for Bobby E. Mercer*



Jimmy - January 25, 2015 at 12:53 PM

JS

“ I will miss Bobby I have known all my life. God bless his Family

*My heartfelt condolences. Jimmy & Brenda Snellgrove*

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**Jimmy&Brenda Snellgrove** - January 25, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bobby E. Mercer.



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January 25, 2015 at 12:28 PM

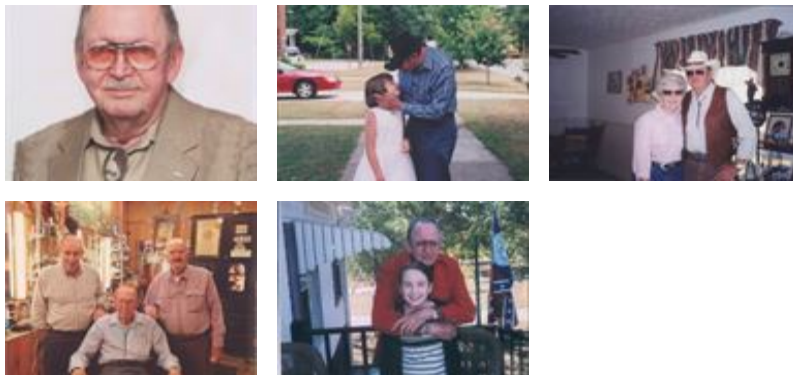
CG

“ Had several life changing conversations in his barbers chair...one of the greatest men I knew...his stern way of telling you to soldier up kept me on the straight and narrow several times..true American ...cole g class of 94 GMC

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**cole garcia** - January 25, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Williams Funeral Homes and Crematory** - January 25, 2015 at 10:29 AM

VM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Bobby, you will truly be missed.  
Vicki and Donnie Morgan*



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**Vicki/Donnie Morgan** - January 25, 2015 at 10:13 AM

 Charlie Simpson

“ *I still am prone to quote him often anytime the topic of gun control comes up bobby mercer was a true southern gentleman*

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**Charlie Simpson** - January 25, 2015 at 09:16 AM

 Matthew Kitchens

“ *Matthew Kitchens lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**Matthew Kitchens** - January 24, 2015 at 09:57 PM

KH

“ *Shawn, Amanda and Emma may God give you strength and comfort during this time of loss. Bobby has gone on to be with Joyce but his memory will remain in the hearts of the many that loved and respected him. He was a great man.*

*Kenny and Ana Horton*

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**Kenny Horton** - January 24, 2015 at 08:30 PM

PP

“ *Peggy Pulliam lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



Peggy Pulliam - January 24, 2015 at 07:24 PM

PP

*To the Mercer family, sorry for your loss and you are in my prayers and thoughts. He will be missed.*

Peggy Pulliam - January 24, 2015 at 07:27 PM

GP

“ *To The Mercer Family. We are so sorry for you loss. We are going to miss him. Gary spent a many days and hours at the Barber Shop visiting with all the guys. RIP now Mr. Mercer.*



Gary and Bonnie Pennington - January 24, 2015 at 03:11 PM

PB

“ *Mr Bob Mercer...What a Great, Great Man he was. He cut my Dads hair and my sons hair for as long as i can remember. Always had a good story to tell and so full of knowledge. Wise he was! What an extreme loss for this community. I will miss him.*

Priscilla Babb - January 24, 2015 at 01:24 PM

CC

“ *Mr. Mercer Cut My Hair At Least A Thousand Times Over The Years. My Granddaddy Pete Started Taking Me To See Him When I Was Very Young And I Continued To Go Through My GMC Days! When You Saw Him Walking Around Downtown He Was Always Looking Sharp. He Had A Great Sense Of Style. I Know Most Of Milledgeville Would Anxiously Await For The Baldwin Bulletin Every Week To See What Mr. Mercer Was Going To Say. One Thing Is For Sure, Whatever He Did Say Would Be Honest And Straight Forward! He Loved His Family And His Country With All Of His Heart! Just Like Carl Vinson And Flannery O'Connor, He Was A True Milledgeville Icon! Mr. Mercer, It Was A Pleasure To Have Known You Sir. You Will Be Missed. Rest In Peace!*

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**Chuck Cheeves** - January 24, 2015 at 12:45 PM

MB

“ *Michael Budrys lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



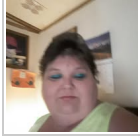
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**Michael Budrys** - January 24, 2015 at 12:03 PM

 Larry Falkenberg

“ *Larry Falkenberg lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



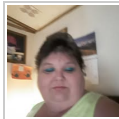
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**Larry Falkenberg** - January 24, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ *Sandra Dunn lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



Sandra Dunn - January 24, 2015 at 11:19 AM



*From Darrell and Chris Dunn*

Sandra Dunn - January 24, 2015 at 11:20 AM

TB

“ *Tammy Beckum lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



Tammy Beckum - January 24, 2015 at 11:12 AM

TB

“ *I will always remember Bobby Mercer growing up he was a fine man that will always be remembered by many and never forgotten in our community <3*

Tammy Beckum - January 24, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Bobby E. Mercer.*



January 24, 2015 at 11:10 AM

WM

“ *Mr Mercer will be missed. Our family have alot of great memories that were made in his Barber Shop. He was a great guy.*

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**Waylogene Meyer** - January 24, 2015 at 10:30 AM

WJ

“ *Willie Lee & Peggy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**Willie Lee & Peggy Johnson** - January 24, 2015 at 10:07 AM

WA

“ *I enjoyed spending some time with Bobby in the Fall. We talked about all of the photos in his shop. He was quite a man and will be missed by many.*

*Wendy Allen*

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**Wendy Allen** - January 24, 2015 at 09:50 AM

WA

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Wendy Allen** - January 24, 2015 at 09:48 AM

WA

“ Wendy Allen lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



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**Wendy Allen** - January 24, 2015 at 09:41 AM

SM

“ Sherry Martin lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



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**Sherry Martin** - January 24, 2015 at 09:12 AM

SB

“ Everyone from Milledgeville knows him. RIP Mr. Bob Mercer.

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**Sonny & Patsy Bass** - January 24, 2015 at 09:11 AM

PB

“ I considered Bobby a friend. We spent a lot of time, while I was at The Bulletin, talking about loved ones, our pets, and other things of grand and small importance. We shared more than one tear together. His passing leaves a hole in our lives. My condolences to the family on the loss of this dear man.

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**Pam Beer** - January 24, 2015 at 09:09 AM

CS

“ *BOBBY WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED. I WAS HIS KINDERGARTEN MATE. I HAVE KNOWN HIM A VERY LONG TIME. A GOOD PERSON.*

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**CAROLYN FOWLER SMITH** - January 24, 2015 at 08:11 AM



“ *Getting my childhood hair cuts from my uncle Bobby Mercer a man many stories of life*

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**Billy Mercer** - January 24, 2015 at 07:55 AM

PA

“ *I wouldn't have an opinion on flat-top hair cuts, politics or fine firearms, if it wasn't for Bobby Mercer. He will be sorely missed. Powell Allen, Jekyll Island, GA*

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**Powell Allen** - January 24, 2015 at 07:50 AM

WJ

“ *I was very sorry to hear about Mr. Mercer. I have a lot of fond memories of visiting the barber shop growing up with my dad who had been friends with Mr. Mercer forever. He always had a smile and a story to tell. His stories only got better as he and I both grew older. He was truly one of a kind.*

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**Wright Banks, Jr.** - January 24, 2015 at 07:23 AM

  
Andrew  
Wood

“ *Condolences, Shawn!*

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**Andrew Wood** - January 24, 2015 at 07:00 AM

RD

“ *Many good childhood memories getting my ears lowered by Ole Bob! What a great guy!*

Robert Darity - January 24, 2015 at 06:58 AM

JB

“ *Such a good man and friend. Shawn and family, we send our love and deepest sympathies. God will be right there with you while you're going through this.*



Jewell and Louie Batchelor - January 24, 2015 at 06:35 AM

MS

“ *Town will not be the same without Mr. Mercer. Glad we had him here for those 78 years. Prayers for you.*



Michael Stewart - January 24, 2015 at 06:30 AM

CS

“ *Coming back to Milledgeville after 27 years, seeing Mr. Mercer was akin to seeing the Lincoln Memorial or the Statue of Liberty. He was an Icon in Milledgeville. I loved seeing him at GMC Alumni functions, too. Rest In Peace, Mr. Mercer.*

Cliff Scott - January 24, 2015 at 05:50 AM

RH

“ Shawn, I am sorry for the loss of your Dad. I can recall several times in his shop that were delightful. He was a true Patriot. He will be missed.

*Ron Hammock*

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**Ron Hammock** - January 24, 2015 at 04:13 AM

HB

“ Shawn, we were so sorry to hear that you lost your Dad. You, Amanda and Emma are in our prayers.

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**Henry and Ann Burch** - January 24, 2015 at 01:23 AM

ES

“ Eric Simpson lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



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**Eric Simpson** - January 23, 2015 at 11:20 PM

JM

“ Mr. Mercer cut my hair this past Tuesday, just as he had for the past 35 years. He always asked about my how my family was doing. All of Milledgeville is going to miss him. My condolences to the Mercer family.

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**John Moore** - January 23, 2015 at 09:58 PM

KC

“ *What a special man to all! Just spoke with him last week at crocketts. Milledgeville will miss u Mr. Bob! Praying for you Shawn. I am so very sorry. Kimi Clements*

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**Kimberli Clements** - January 23, 2015 at 09:56 PM

KM

“ *The true heroes in our lives often walk and work humbly among us. Soldiers who go to foreign lands and defend our country and freedom in forgotten wars like Korea ; who believe that God's Word and the Constitution of our United States mean exactly what they say and try to impart these ideals by the way they live to the generations coming up. Men like Mercer who refuse to give in to the political correctness of our times and those who are trying to rewrite our history so as not to offend anyone. Shawn and family, please know that you are in our prayers and thoughts and rest assured that Mr. Bobby is by Mrs. Joyce's side in Heaven. Nothing can take us from God's hand- we are assured that in His Word. Godspeed Mr. Bobby, we shall meet again. Ken Mills and family*

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**Ken Mills** - January 23, 2015 at 09:55 PM

ML

“ *Mr. Mercer cut my grandfather's hair, my father's hair, my hair, and my sons hair. Loved every story he ever told me! Gave the best high and tight in town!*

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**Michael Luke** - January 23, 2015 at 09:49 PM

AC

“ Armando & Lisa Castillo lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



Armando & Lisa Castillo - January 23, 2015 at 09:22 PM

MM

“ Melody Merritt Manning lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



Melody Merritt Manning - January 23, 2015 at 08:57 PM

CG

“ Our heartfelt sympathy and our prayers go out to Shawn, Amanda and Emma at this time of great loss. Bobby will be very much missed in Milledgeville. From John and Carrol Griffin and the Morris-Little American Legion Post 6 and Auxiliary Unit 6.



Carrol & John Griffin - January 23, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ Vivian K Barker lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



Vivian K Barker - January 23, 2015 at 08:25 PM

SQ

“ *Milledgeville Georgia has lost one of the best men that lived there. He was a loving and caring person who loved his wife dearly. May you rest in peace. My prayers go to his family I know they will greatly miss him. I know I will.* ”

Suzanne Quinn - January 23, 2015 at 08:19 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Wilder lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer* ”



Sandra Wilder - January 23, 2015 at 08:16 PM

RE

“ *Rickey And Brenda English lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer* ”



Rickey and Brenda English - January 23, 2015 at 08:11 PM

MM

“ *So sorry for the loss you're feeling right now. Shawn, you and your family will be in my prayers. Your dad was the barber my son liked. He'd wait til we were in Milledgeville to get his grandpa to take him to the shop. Truly a treasure has gone.* ”  
*Molly Torrance Miller & Family*

Molly Miller - January 23, 2015 at 08:10 PM

Phillip  
Smith

“ *MR. MERCER cut my hair the very first time and the majority of times in between. R.I.P. sir. Im glad to know you and look forward to seeing you again..*



Phillip Smith - January 23, 2015 at 07:42 PM



“ *Joey Pierce lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



Joey Pierce - January 23, 2015 at 07:10 PM

TF

“ *A little piece of Milledgeville's heart went with you when you left us. I pray your family finds peace and comfort in this difficult time. You are finally with your sweet wife again and in our hearts you will always be.*

The Brown family - January 23, 2015 at 06:37 PM

GS

“ *Soo many thoughts. Soo many memories. Absolutely no words! Rest in peace Mr. Bobby. You'll be greatly missed. (Greg See)*

Greg See - January 23, 2015 at 06:26 PM

MH

“ *Merel Harrison lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**Merel Harrison** - January 23, 2015 at 05:47 PM

LS

“ *Larry And Angela Spillers lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**Larry and Angela Spillers** - January 23, 2015 at 05:36 PM

BA

“ *Byron & Diane Anderson lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**Byron & Diane Anderson** - January 23, 2015 at 05:15 PM

BA

*So sorry for your Loss, Our prayers are with your family. Byron & Diane Anderson*

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**Byron Anderson** - January 23, 2015 at 05:24 PM

MJ

“ Mike Jones lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



Mike Jones - January 23, 2015 at 05:10 PM

LF

“ Shawn,  
So sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Lori Ferri

LORI FERRI - January 23, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ Our Condolences and Prayers. Rest in PEACE

Randall and Senora Nicholls



Jennie Layfield - January 23, 2015 at 04:47 PM



“ Mr. Bob, you will be missed. When you arrive in Heaven, hug my brother for me and you two can catch up on old times. RIP and GOD BLESS your Family.



Jennie Layfield - January 23, 2015 at 04:42 PM

LY

“ So sorry for your loss. Garvis & I will be praying for the family. May you RIP Bob.you will be missed.

*Lois& Garvis Youngblood.*

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**lois youngblood** - January 23, 2015 at 04:00 PM

SP

“ *Sheela Pounds lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**Sheela Pounds** - January 23, 2015 at 03:47 PM



“ *Dear Shawn and family,  
Please accept our deepest condolences.  
Heaven has gained one of God's strongest soldiers. We will keep you all in our prayers for peace and solace during this painful time of loss.  
Sincerely,  
Mitchell & Mary Ann Scott and Shirley Grant*



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**Mary Grant-Scott** - January 23, 2015 at 03:04 PM

CJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.  
We always enjoyed going into the barber shop with our grand boys.  
Don & Cheryl Johnson*



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**Cheryl Johnson** - January 23, 2015 at 02:50 PM

KB

“ *KAY BROWN lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**KAY BROWN** - January 23, 2015 at 02:38 PM

JD

“ *Julie Deason lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer*



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**Julie Deason** - January 23, 2015 at 02:14 PM

TD

“ *We were sorry to hear about Mr. Bobby.*

*Our Prayers and Condolences to Family and Friends.*

*May The Good Lord Wrap His Loving Arms Around Each Of You During This Sad Time.*



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**Terry, Susan and Betty Daniel** - January 23, 2015 at 01:56 PM

FW

*I am so sorry to hear about Bobby passing. Both he and Joyce were special friends. Prayers are with you and the family*

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**Faye Wheat** - January 23, 2015 at 04:32 PM

KC

“ Shawn, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Kim Hawkins Califf



Kim Hawkins Califf - January 23, 2015 at 01:52 PM

AH

Shawn, we are so sorry about Bobby. He will be missed!

Alan and Toni Hall - January 23, 2015 at 03:27 PM

Jane Morris

I am so sorry to hear of your great loss... may the Lord give you peace and comfort in this time of sorrow... the Lord is near to those who are brokenhearted. Jane Hettel

Jane Morris - January 23, 2015 at 03:31 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Leverette-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Bobby E. Mercer



Carolyn Leverette-Searcy - January 23, 2015 at 12:07 PM

CN

“ Sorry to hear of Bobby passing. He was a good friend of the family. Your family will be in our prayers.

Carolyn, Kathy, Karen, Nick, Britt Nolan

Carolyn Nolan - January 23, 2015 at 11:54 AM