



## Joe F. Mercer

October 24, 1925 - April 9, 2018

Joe F. Mercer, 92 of Miami, Ok passed

Joe was born on October 24, 1925 in Miami, Oklahoma to Fred and Hattie (Hollis) Mercer. He worked in the mines before working at B.F. Goodrich for 27 years until his retirement. Joe was member of the American Legion and enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17 ½ years old in 1943, serving three years and 12 days. He was promoted 5 times during his duty. While serving in the Navy Joe was wounded in the left leg by machine gun fire. After recovering he was put in the Marine Corps and served in the motor pool. Joe married Ardith Essex on July 21 1947, She passed away June 21st 2010. They were married 63 years. Joe and Arideth Loved each other very much, you would hardly see one without the other. They loved camping and fishing with Ardith's twin sister Ardie and husband Homer.

Joe is preceded in death by his loving wife Ardith, two brothers Bob Mercer and George Mercer, and three sisters, Wanda Carey, Geneva Panther, and Virgie Newcomb.

Joe is survived by two sons, Eldon Mercer and wife Carolyn of Miami, Oklahoma, and Daryl Mercer and wife Linda of Fairland, Oklahoma, grandchildren Chris Mercer and Wife Amy, Angie Pendergraft and husband David, Josh Gibson, great grandchildren Allie and Maggie, Maddox and Mason, Cooper, Ty, Hoyt, Paige and Ashton, and a great great grandchild McKinley.

Joe is also survived by two brothers, Jack Mercer of Miami, Oklahoma and

Denny Mercer of Commerce, Oklahoma, and a sister Gaylene Miller of Joplin, Missouri.

Funeral services for Joe Will be held on Thursday, April 12th 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Miami, Oklahoma. Minister Leon Weece will officiate. Serving as casket bearers will be Lawson Essex, Troy Essex, Larry Mercer, Randy Mercer, Rick Mercer and Joey Wright. Interment will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Grove, Oklahoma.

Notes of encouragement for the family may be left at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com)  
Services are under the care of Brown Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Miami, OK.

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

S 595 RD  
Grove, OK 74344

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **12**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church Chapel of Miami  
2424 North Main  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-9816  
<http://www.fccmiamiok.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your family loss! Prayers for peace and strength during this storm in your family life!!

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**debbie gaines** - April 13, 2018 at 10:43 AM

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“ Sandy Etzel lit a candle in memory of Joe F. Mercer



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**Sandy Etzel** - April 10, 2018 at 01:41 AM