



# Frank G. Mercer

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**D**ecatur-Frank G. 'Mick' Mercer, 73, of Forsyth and the Decatur area, passed away due to cancer on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

Services to celebrate Frank's life will be 11:00 am Monday, May 17, 2010 at the Forsyth Baptist Church with Pastor Adam Powers officiating. Visitation will be Sunday from 6:00 pm ' 8:00 pm at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Interment will be in Graceland Cemetery. In Lieu of Flowers, his family request that donations be made to the Forsyth Baptist Church or Decatur Memorial Hospital. Online memories and condolences may be shared with Frank's family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

Mick was born on December 28, 1936 in Springfield, IL the son of Stuart and Helen (Aikin) Mercer. He was a Decatur High School graduate. After graduation he became an electrician and member of IBEW #146. He married Iantha Housel in 1957 and they had one child, Melanie Sue. Mick later married Gloria Gebhart Kowa in 1970. He owned Toy Town, The Children's Friend and Decatur Office Supply. After retirement, he worked for the US Census Bureau, the Decatur Herald and Review, and served as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels,. Mick attended Forsyth Baptist Church. He was an avid fan of basketball and the St. Louis Cardinals. Later in life he developed a love for traveling and walking.

He leaves behind his daughter Melanie Escott and her husband Michael of Highland, IL; two grandsons Nick Escott of Lenexa, KS and Joseph Escott of Independence, MO; one granddaughter Stephanie Ulrich of Huntsville, MO; one great-granddaughter Annabella and one great-grandson Daniel; one brother William



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Mercer of The Woodlands, TX and one sister Elizabeth Hovious of Wilton, NY; five nieces and four nephews; a step-daughter Cynthia Basler, two step-sons Tom Kowa of Forsyth, IL and Steven Kowa; four step-grandchildren Jaci Heather, Kim Basler, Tonya Kowa-Morelli, and Zachary Kowa.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gloria, his parents, his brothers Jack and Paul, his sister Mary, and his infant son Richard.



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**Don H. Shaw** posted:

I WAS IN ELETRICAL CLASS WITH MICK AT DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL. MR COREY WAS OUR TEACHER. THAT WAS BACK IN 1952-54. I ALWAYS LIKED FRANK AND ENJOYED BEING IN CLASS WITH HIM. I AM SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING. I LIVE IN INDIANAPOLIS AND DO NOT GET TO DECATUR VERY MUCH BUT FRANK WAS DIFFINETLY A SWELL PERSON THAT I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH. WITH DEEPEST SYNPATHY, DON H. SHAW

May 17 at 9:44 AM

DW

**Duane Werner** posted:

Frank Mercer was a fine gentleman and it was a privilege to have known him. My sincerest sympathies to all of his family. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.Duane and Bonnie Werner

May 17 at 9:26 AM

JC

**Jerry And Ellen Cooper** posted:

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Kowa and Mercer families. We pray the Lord will comfort you and give you His perfect peace.

May 16 at 4:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frank by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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