



## Stephen M Mercer

November 23, 1949 - August 25, 2020

Stephen M. "Steve" Mercer, 70, of Leesburg passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

Steve was born November 23, 1949 in Oakland, California to Edward and Beatrice (Benton) Mercer. When Steve was 3 months old the family moved to Dothan, Alabama. He graduated from Dothan High School's Class of 1969 and from Troy State University. Much of Steve's career was spent as an insurance agent. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Leesburg and the Porsche Club of America. Steve was an avid University of Alabama football fan and loved cooking southern style meals. Steve loved history and for over 30 years traveled the country participating in Civil War re-enactments. He achieved rank of General in the Confederate forces, slept in tents in the camps and loved sitting around the campfire telling stories and jokes. He enjoyed studying the different battle sites and information about the forces at each. Steve was calm, patient and generous to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Debra Hutton Mercer, sons Patrick (Jodi) Mercer of California, Stephen (Jade) Mercer of Idaho, Ricky (Amy) Smith of Alabama, Doug (Suzy) Bell of Sorrento, FL and daughter Jennifer Fulford of Alabama. Steve also leaves his grandchildren Sierra and Jonas Mercer, Caleb and Reagan DeBerry and Trevor and Dylan Bell.

A Celebration of Steve's Life will be held on Saturday, September 5 at 2:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Leesburg. A visitation for family and friends will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the church.

# Tribute Wall

RV

“ Steve will certainly be missed he was always such a pleasure to talk to, I would teasing him about his accent he had a heart of gold and would take good care of anyone I would send him. Keep laughing in heaven its now there turn to enjoy your humor.  
Randy & Penny CIC Home Inspections

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**randy Vermeulen** - September 05, 2020 at 06:20 AM

JB

“ Steve is the reason I'm with Ammerman Insurance today. When I first spoke with him about my home insurance needs I instantly fell in love with him. He had a wonderfully kind voice and awesome sense of humor. Sometimes we'd forget it was a business call. I always assumed he was the owner of Ammerman. He just had that way about him. Steve will be missed very much. We should all strive to be the gentle kind person he was. Heaven is a much nicer place now.

*May God bless all of you that loved Steve dearly. You shared your life with a wonderful man. Now you will share your memories with each other.*

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**John Bruninga** - September 03, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ Our beloved Steve will be missed dearly. Prayers to all your family and loved ones.

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and I left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

*Author Unknown  
(Linda & Gary Miller)*

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Linda - September 03, 2020 at 03:36 PM

ME

“ I first met Steve at a Civil War reenactment in the mid 1980's. He was a quiet gentle man who loved sharing jokes and history. We shared many a campfire and laughs over the years. He love to rib me about being an old undertaker which always gave me a smile. I will always remember him and the many good times we had together, I'm very saddened to hear of his passing. God has gained another good ole Reb. Rest in peace my brother.  
Micheal W Engelmeier

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**Micheal W Engelmeier** - September 01, 2020 at 07:57 PM