



Mr. John C. Mercer Jr

January 3, 2018

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Mr. John Mercer, Jr., 57, passed away, Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at his home in Olive Branch, MS. Visitation will be Saturday, January 6, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the New Life Community Church (7197 Craft Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654). A funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. also at the New Life Community Church. Pastor Robert Haynes will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Mercer was born in Pittsburgh, PA. Mr. Mercer cherished almost every single sport there was. He grew up playing football, baseball, and basketball and was always cheered for at his games. Being from Pittsburgh, he was very fond of the Steelers and the Penguins, and in his spare time, enjoyed collecting coins. He was granted a scholarship to play football at UCLA but decided instead to serve our country in the Military. While in the service in Germany, he was the racquetball champion for the base. Mr. Mercer delighted in competition and games at the New Life Community Church, where he was the Sports Commissioner and member and known as "Mr. Fun".

Mr. Mercer leaves behind his loving wife, Edna Mercer of Olive Branch; one son, John (Ashley) Mercer III of Pittsburgh; two daughters, Ashley Calhoun of

Pittsburgh and Sierra Mercer of Olive Branch; and a daughter by heart, Haylee Puryear; his mother, Sandra Mercer of Pittsburgh; two brothers, Joe Mercer of Pittsburgh and Chris (Patti) Mercer of North Hills, PA; and one sister, Cheryl (Paul) Kaufman of Virginia.

Mr. Mercer was preceded in death by his father, John Mercer, Sr.; and one sister, Denise Mercer.

In honor of Mr. John Mercer's service to our country, the flag of the United States Army will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home.

Donations and memorials in honor of Mr. John Mercer may be made to the New Life Community Church (7197 Craft Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654).

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

4000 Forest Hill Irene Rd
Memphis, TN 38125

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Life Community Church
7197 Craft Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Gosh, we knew him by so many names -- all given in love to someone cared for by many ... Challs, Chaz, John Challs. He ignored the cliques and became friends with everyone and was always one of the favorites on every team. Loved his cheekbones and his smile! Hadn't kept in touch but often thought of him and am truly saddened by word of his passing. Such a nice guy. Love to his family and others touched by him. -- Claudia Bradford Helman, Edgewood Class of 79

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. John C. Mercer Jr.



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