



Joseph Merck

June 16, 1937 - October 20, 2020

Joseph P. Merck, 83, of Travelers Rest, passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at St. Francis Hospital.

Born in Pickens County, he was a son of the late Paul Bishop and Theo Holladay Merck. He retired from US Finishing and was a member of Northwest Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife: Shirley Gilreath Merck; son: Ed Merck(Sherri); grandchildren: Ashley N. Merck(Jeremy), Corey P. Merck; sister: Rosalee Leroy; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents he was predeceased by brothers: Virgil Merck, Denver Merck; sisters: Lois Youngblood, Avanel Pilgrim, Eunice Maw, and Christine Leroy.

The family will have a private graveside service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Northwest Baptist Church P.O. Box 814 Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

Due to being exposed to the Covid virus, the family asks that no visitors come to the home. They appreciate your friendship and your expression of love through cards, flowers, and food, but respectfully ask that at this time you refrain from visiting. We ask that you uphold them in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

Tribute Wall

GT

“ Ed,

So sorry to hear of your father's passing. I have so many good memories of us in high school and Furman band. Your parents were always so nice to me. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Gregg Duncan (now Tomlinson)

Gregg Duncan Tomlinson - October 28, 2020 at 03:01 PM

BJ

“ Ed, Sherri and family , We were so sorry to hear of your dads passing.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

May GOD'S comfort be with you all at this time.

Your Tanglewood friends Ben and Barbara James

WE love yall .

Ben James - October 24, 2020 at 12:16 PM

PP

“ Shirley and family, I am so sorry to hear about Joe. He was always such a sweet man and always had a smile on his face. My thoughts, love, and prayers are with you during these difficult days ahead.

Much love, Polly and Dennis Poole

polly poole - October 23, 2020 at 05:15 PM

LR

“ So sorry to hear that Joe had passed on. We will always remember having breakfast with him and Shirley at Hardees. Marshall and I became friends with them a while back and really enjoyed the fellowship with them and Charlie and Nell Cannon. Sorry for your lose our prayers are with you all and especially for Shirleys recovery. May God's comfort be with you all.

Linda and Marshall Richards - October 22, 2020 at 05:10 PM

CS

“ Shirley, Edward, Cory and Ashley (and family): I am so sorry to hear about Joe. He, Shirley and I had many fun adventures together and I truly valued their friendship. From local family visits, to our Sunday after church McDonald Happy Meals, to driving to see Ashley on a whim in Charleston (and continually getting lost), we always had a lot of fun and continual laughter. I have such fond memories of the times we shared together. Please know you are all in my prayers and I will miss them dearly.



Cynthia Stake

Cynthia Stake - October 22, 2020 at 11:23 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry about Joe, Shirley. I really miss you. You and Joe were some of my favorite customers at Hardees.

Laura Pace - October 21, 2020 at 06:33 PM

LP

“ I work at Hardees in TR and him and Shirley used to come in there almost every morning. I have missed them coming in. They are some of my favorite customers. I will miss you Joe.



Laura Pace - October 21, 2020 at 06:30 PM

JT

Shirley you are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. You and Joe were great customers when I waited on you both. God Bless...In Christs love...Jean Tyson

jean tyson - October 22, 2020 at 02:30 PM

TP

I'm praying for your recovery Shirley and so sorry for your loss. I will miss him very much

Terri parker

terri parker - October 24, 2020 at 09:02 PM