



## Lillie "Lil" Joyce Mercer

May 17, 1940 - May 28, 2025

"Lil" Mercer, age 85 of Washington, passed away Wednesday May 28, 2025 in her home. Lillie Joyce Harris was born May 17, 1940 in Purcell, OK, the middle child of Henry Grady Harris and Rosa Emma (Farmer) Harris. She began school in the Johnson Community, later graduating from Purcell High School with the Dragon Class of 1957. She raised two sons, Jeff and Mike. Known, affectionately as "Lil", she worked in interior design, specializing in custom drapery. Her knack for design and infectious personality served her well in her career. She worked for Mathis Brothers Furniture for 20 years, and simultaneously owned and operated Interiors By Lil. Lil's life would change forever when she met Ronnie Fred Mercer. They were the perfect couple, and married on April 7, 1984. They first made their home in Okla. City, before settling in Washington in 1988. Away from work, Lil enjoyed fishing and deer hunting with Ron. She also enjoyed lake trips, waterskiing and wakeboarding. At age 79, you would see her wakeboarding just because she could. She was fortunate to travel the world with Ron, and enjoyed annual trips to Sturgis on her custom Chopper. She was an excellent cook and will be forever remembered for her fried chicken, chicken n dumplings and chocolate chip cookies. Her greatest joy was her grandchildren, and she wouldn't miss a birthday party or various other activities. She cherished Ron, her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Grady and Rosa Harris; her

granddaughter, Summer Stephens; her grandma, Lillie Farmer and siblings, Patsy Stephens, Bill Harris and Bobby Ray Harris.

Lil is survived by: her best friend and life partner, husband Ron Mercer; Grandchildren, Brad Stephens, Casey Stephens, Brandy McCalip and husband Brian, Ryan Stephens and Krystal Rittenhouse; 11 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 PM Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at Little's Chapel. Burial will follow at the Washington Cemetery.

## Cemetery Details

### Washington Cemetery

Washington, OK 73093

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Little's Chapel  
127 S. Canadian  
Purcell, OK 73080  
<http://www.wilsonlittle.com>

# Tribute Wall

VA

“ Mr. Ron, I am so sorry to learn of Lil’s passing. I had no idea or I would have come to her service. Of all the clients I cleaned for, I have to say your home was one of the most beautiful and that’s because of Lil’s designer touch. She was always so appreciative of my work and so good to Ava. She still has her kitty mug that Lil gave her! Love, Valerie.

Valerie - July 25, 2025 at 01:38 PM

DA

“ Thinking of Jeff and Mike at Lil’s passing. She was a firecracker! Our sympathies and condolences.

Deborah & Ronald Allison - June 03, 2025 at 04:50 PM

CK

“ Lil has received her “angel wings”. She was my perfect drapery designer for my new home. She became a dear friend. I wish the world had more Lil’s. My condolences go out to her family.



Carol Kenney - June 02, 2025 at 04:50 AM

GL

“ I'll miss laughing with Lil year after year when we met in Dallas for the red river rivalry. Although we sat on different sides of the stadium, we always enjoyed those weekends together. Somehow we even got her to come to Austin to celebrate my graduation.

*Lil would make anyone she met feel like they were part of her family. She was so special.*

*Texas fight! OU sucks!*

*Love you, Lil!*

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**Geoff Lancaster** - June 01, 2025 at 10:10 PM

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“ Nancy Keith lit a candle in memory of Lillie "Lil" Mercer



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**Nancy Keith** - May 31, 2025 at 01:09 PM

PH

“ Diamond Lil...so many fond memories of her and Ron coming to Sturgis. We never stopped laughing when we were together. How about those famous chocolate chip cookies!!! Lil, you were one of a kind. Love you to the moon! Pam

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**Pam Halone** - May 30, 2025 at 06:23 PM