

Celebration of Life for
Theodore Roosevelt Mercer, Jr.
Friday, June 12, 2026 at 1:00 PM
Ulysses D. Miller Funeral Chapel
485 Poors Ford Road | Rutherfordton, NC 28093

Order of Service

WELCOME	Rev. Dr. Valarie Rosenquist
HYMN	
PRAYER	
FIRST READING	Ken Robinson
SELECTION	Klinnin Carson
RELECTIONS/COMMENTS	Family and Friends
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	Going Home –Dvorak
GOSPEL LESSON	Phyllis Washburn
SELECTION	
EULOGY	Rev. Dr. Valarie Rosenquist
PRAYER	Lord’s Prayer
HYMN	Marching To Zion
DISMISSAL	

The Final Voyage

The sails are lowered, the journey done,
A life of daring, hard-fought, and won.
Through raging storms and quiet seas,
You caught the wind, you rode the breeze.

No distant shore was left unseen,
No heavy hardship stood between
Your valiant heart and every quest,
And now, at last, you’ve earned your rest.

The voyage spans beyond the foam,
As the great traveler heads back home.
The stars will guide your spirit grand,
Into a peaceful, gentle land.

Acknowledgement

The family of Theodore Roosevelt Mercer, Jr. wishes to express their sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness, prayers, and support shown during this time of bereavement.

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Remembering Ted

Theodore (Ted) Roosevelt Mercer, Jr was born on January 15, 1961 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He departed this earth on May 28, 2026.

Ted was the son of the late Evelyn Lois Robinson Mercer and the late Theodore Roosevelt Mercer, Sr.

Ted attended the Greenhills Forest Park School system and was a graduate of Forest Park High School in the Class of 1979. Ted was on the baseball, football and basketball teams and served as the captain of the football team his senior year. Ted subsequently was nominated to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO for a year, transferred to the University of Cincinnati and then enlisted in the United States Air Force for six years where he was trained as an air traffic controller. His duty stations were Germany and Panama City, FL. After discharge from the military, he was employed as an air traffic controller at a municipal airport in San Diego, California before relocating to Irvine, California to work until retirement at the John Wayne International Airport.

While in California, Ted also became an actor and appeared in Veronica Mars, General Hospital, Days of Our Lives and other roles in addition to multiple commercials. He really enjoyed cinema and the cinematic process and was an avid movie goer. Through his participation in the film industry, he became a member of the Screen Actors' Guild (SAG).

His favorite sports teams were the Cincinnati Bengals and the Cincinnati Reds. Ted was also passionate about fantasy football and flew to California each year for the draft. He was great at choosing players and this past season won the league championship.

Ted was a voracious reader and it wasn't uncommon for a sentence to begin with 'I read a book on that'. He was intelligent, compassionate, caring and kind. Ted loved spending time with his friends and family. He was always a joy to be around and his presence will be sorely missed.

Ted is loved and will be missed by: his brothers, Mr. Brian Vincent Mercer of Charlotte, NC; Mr. David Limuel Mercer of Columbus, OH; niece, Ms. Chaya Nirel Mercer of Winston-Salem, NC; aunts, Ms. Annie Robinson Evans Jones of Shelby, NC, Ms. Phyllis Robinson Washburn of Forest City, NC, Mrs. Essie Robinson Morris (Al) of Harlingen, TX; uncles, Mr. Milton Robinson (Ruby) of Forest City, NC, Mr. Charles Robinson of Kings Mountain, NC, Mr. Kenneth Robinson (Barbara) of Greenwood, SC; as well as a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

