

## Frank L. Mergy

July 4, 1936 - October 25, 2025

Franklin Lawrence Mergy, 89, of Kansas City, Kansas-most recently of Nevada, Missouri, passed away on October 25, 2025 at Advent Medical Center in Merriam, KS. Born July 4, 1936, in Hillsdale, Michigan, to Leroy and Augusta (Heide) Mergy, Frank arrived in the world on Independence Day, a fitting beginning for a man whose life would be defined by service, quiet strength, and steadfast generosity.

Frank served four years in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War, rising to the rank of Sergeant. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal-honors that reflected not only his dedication to his country but also the integrity with which he carried himself throughout his life.

Following his military service, Frank built a long and accomplished career as a pipefitter, working side-by-side with his twin brother, Fred. The two remained a team until their retirement from U.S. Engineering in 1996. Outside of work, Frank expressed his gifts through craftsmanship. A master knifemaker, carpenter, and all-around creator, he possessed a rare ability to turn raw materials into pieces of beauty and utility.

He found joy in simple, meaningful pursuits: fishing and hunting, losing himself in a good James Patterson novel, collecting knives and firearms, watching

westerns, and cooking- especially barbeque, which he shared generously. Frank had a heart inclined toward service; he was often found helping at the soup kitchen, giving quietly to those in need, or stepping in wherever an extra hand could make a difference. His steadiness, dry humor, and gentle way of always showing up for people left a mark on everyone who knew him.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Nelda (Wasson) Mergy, his daughter, Michelle (Mergy) VanDyke, and his brothers William "Bill" Mergy, Leroy "Fred" Mergy, and Edwin "Eddy" Mergy.

He is survived by his son, Eric Mergy; his grandchildren (Zak, Ashley, and Christopher) and great-grandchildren; his nieces and nephews; his companion of the home (Rose), and his beloved cat, Sammy, who rarely left his side.

Interment with military honors will take place at Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 18, 2025, at 1:30 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road  
Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Leavenworth, KS 66048

# Tribute Wall

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**Dina Lester** - December 28, 2025 at 10:09 AM

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**Dina Lester** - December 20, 2025 at 11:09 AM

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**Dina Lester** - December 19, 2025 at 02:24 PM

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**Dina Lester** - December 19, 2025 at 01:32 PM

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“ *Uncle Frank and his minions*



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**Dina Lester** - December 05, 2025 at 06:28 PM



“ *He sure loved the grands and was the best Unk. Your “little sweeties” miss you so much Uncle Frank.*



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**Rachael Addison** - December 05, 2025 at 06:11 PM

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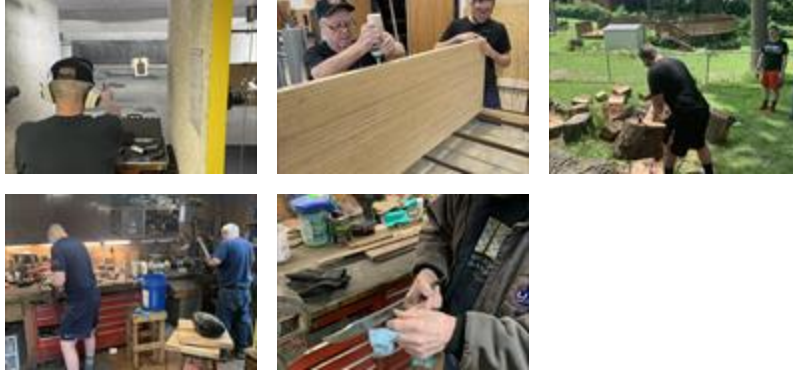


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**Dina Lester** - December 02, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“ Just a couple of pics of what my two sons and I did while hanging out with “Uncle Frank.” Miss you buddy.



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**Matthew Dilley** - November 05, 2025 at 06:46 PM

“ Grandpa...

*I cannot find the words to express the torrent of emotions I feel over the loss of my Grandpa (Franklin Lawrence Mergy). He passed away on Saturday afternoon October 24, 2025 of what I am told was aggressive pancreatic cancer. I'm no doctor or even a nurse just a common man, yet I find it hard to believe that cancer can just set in overnight and take your life within 9 days.*

*Knowing my Grandpa he has probably known for quite some time about it. He most likely never said anything because he didn't want people to worry, be upset or to hound him about getting treated. I can only imagine at 89 years old what he went through watching the love of his life, his wife for over 60 years battle cancer numerous times and win only to lose parts of herself each time. Then to watch his only daughter, his first born child fight pancreatic cancer like a Warrior for over 10 months until she died at the age of 58.*

*Cancer...The word is self explanatory, it may as well be a forbidden word in my opinion as nothing good ever comes with it. Nothing...*

*I once had a conversation with my Grandpa. I told him I was blessed and more fortunate than most men in my life, because I had such an amazing man as a Grandpa. I told him that when his time came that the world would be a sad place without him in it, that he was one of a kind and of an age when men where more than we today could ever fathom.*

*Grandpa to me was so many things... He was a role model, a teacher, a friend, a guide, and the one person no matter what was always there for me. Having grandpa in my life was always like having my own personal hero. I grew up in the age of the 90's action stars like most of you who are reading this. If I could compare my Grandpa to one famous actor in a movie role I would have to say, "Clint Eastwood, In Gran Torino."*

*Since Saturday afternoon It has been nasty cold drizzly rainy weather where I'm at. It has been a sad world around me. I believe this is the universe speaking to me. Telling me that indeed I was right that even the world weeps at the loss of his life.*

*I will miss my Grandpa very much. I will miss his sense of humor and his pure laughter. I will miss his cooking specifically his stuffed*

*peppers. Most of all I will miss hearing his voice while he shared his decades of wisdom with me when I needed it the most along with telling me to keep going and never give up even on people who have given up on me, saying simply, "Hang in there Zakary never give up."*

*I wasn't able to say goodbye from where I am. I could have, but it didn't work out like that.*

*"Grandpa. I pray that the Valkyries/ Angels lift you high into the heavens and take you to eternity where you can see everyone you ever lost and never spend another day in worry and pain. I pray you find peace, love and happiness. You have lived an amazing life and changed the lives of so many people around you especially mine." My Heart Is Broken Yet Again, but it has gained an undeniable strength one that I know can only come from that man.*

*Thank You Grandpa I will always cherish what time I had with you. My only regret is being where I am so I couldn't say goodbye to you and let you know go with the peace of mind that I had won my freedom and I would become the man you raised me to be and so much more. ~ Zak*

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**Zak Mergy** - November 04, 2025 at 08:01 PM

JM

“ *Uncle Frank, I miss you more than you can imagine.*



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**Jo Michael** - November 04, 2025 at 07:58 PM

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“ My condolences to Frank's family.  
Frank, thank you for showing me how to love my family, Thank you for taking me hunting and fishing. Thank you for being a father figure to me when I really needed one. Thank you for your sense of humor and laughter. Thank you for being you. I am a better person for ever knowing you, and I thank you for that also. Rest well my friend, you've made a difference in so many lives, and you deserve the rest.

Chris Yurgel

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Chris Yurgel - October 28, 2025 at 02:20 PM

JM

Thanks Chris he spoke a lot about you.

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Jo Michael - November 04, 2025 at 08:01 PM

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Thanks Jo 🥹 He had a wonderful soul, as you know.

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Chris yurgel - November 05, 2025 at 09:26 AM