



## Obituary

**Died:** Monday, January 13, 2020

Mr. Joseph M. Mertz, age 85, of Lyons, died early Monday morning, January 13, 2020 at Community Hospice after an extended illness. Joseph was a native of Detroit, Michigan and was a Veteran of the United States Airforce and retired as a Major with 20 years of service. After his military career Joseph was employed by Best Lock of Atlanta, Georgia for 15 years. Joseph then moved to Lyons, Georgia in 2016 where he has resided the last few years. Joseph was Protestant by Faith.

Joseph is survived by his loving and adoring wife of 64 years Diane Mertz, of Lyons, two sons, James Mertz, of Atlanta, Georgia, and David Mertz, of Gillette, Wyoming. Two daughters Lori Mertz of Lyons, Georgia and Jodi Tarpley, of Bogart, Georgia. Joseph is also survived by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Service Summary

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### Visitation

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Thu Jan 16, 2020

### Vidalia Chapel

1722 Mt Vernon Road  
Vidalia, Georgia 30474

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### Memorial Service

2:00 PM Thu Jan 16, 2020

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A Memorial Service will be held Thursday January 16, 2020 in the Vidalia Chapel of Ronnie L Stewart Funeral Service. Reverend Leon Stalls will be officiating. Visitation with the family will be begin on day of service at 1:00PM.

Ronnie L. Stewart Funeral Service Vidalia Chapel was in charge of arrangements.