

# 'HAVE MERCY'

An Autobiography by Larry Mercey

An intimate look at the country music legend's first 60 years of music

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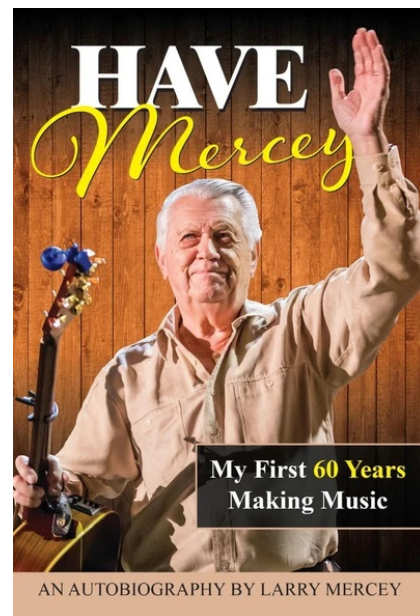
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The stacks of scrapbooks, some 22 in all, tell the intimate story of Larry Mercey & his career as one of the nation's most successful country music artists. His newly released '**HAVE MERCY**' book, an autobiography, highlights in intimate detail, the life & times of the family trio, **The Mercey Brothers**, & Larry's later years as a solo artist.

Impetus for the book, published by **T.A. Ryerson & Son Publishing** of Woodstock, was in part, derived & made possible by over a 60 year vintage library collection of treasure troves, meticulously catalogued which detail a vast array of momentos, dated notes, newspaper clippings, photos & much more, on Larry & his brothers.



**The Mercey Brothers...**  
Ray, Larry & Lloyd.

Mercey credits his mother, Cecelia, with the foresight of starting the extensive history on her son following his first big performance on the **CKNX Travelling Barn Dance**, a popular Wingham based country show that has toured southwestern Ontario for many years.

Larry eventually went on to form **The Mercey Brothers** which included siblings, Lloyd & Ray. In 1960, the group competed in the **CBC Talent Caravan**, a national production much like today's international talent search television shows. The group captured second place. No longer a localized act, the Merceys were now, nationally recognized artists.

Record companies followed with signings by both **Chateau Records & RCA Records**, plus the Merceys own recording label. The group's success led them to national tours & appearances on some of Canada's largest stages such as Toronto's **CNE Grandstand** & the **Big Country Jamboree** at Craven, Saskatchewan. International fame followed with tours of Europe, performances at Nashville's **Grand Ole Opry** & **Regent Caribbean Cruise Vacations**. And in between tour & recording dates, the trio of brothers went on to appear on virtually every Canadian country & variety show in Canada.

Along the way, Larry Mercey crossed paths with a litany of other country music artists... notable entertainers such as Charlie Pride, Michele Wright, George Hamilton IV, Ronnie Prophet, Terri Clark, Tommy Hunter, Thomas Wade, Earl Heywood, Marie Bottrel, Carroll Baker, Brett Kissel, Lynn Russworm, Al Cherny, to name a few.



As 'Lead Singer' in the famed group, Larry recorded 17 albums (including a Gold Album) & some 50 singles, most of which reached the #1 spot on the charts. From the late 1960s through to the late eighties, **The Mercey Brothers** dominated the air waves & concert stages. Their talent & popularity were rewarded with capturing 7 Juno Awards & many other country entertainer awards, including the **C.F. Martin Lifetime Achievement Award**. Larry himself, has received numerous '**Country Male Vocalist**' Juno nominations as well as the **Canadian Country Music Association's (CCMA) nomination ... 'Country Male Vocalist of the Year.'** The Merceys were also honoured by the **CCMA & Big Country Awards as Group of the Year** in 1985 & 1986.

In 1989, the Merceys were inducted into the **Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame**. In July 2014, they were inducted into Hanover's **Labyrinth of Distinction** followed by induction into the **Bruce Grey Music Hall of Fame** in June 2016.

Larry's solo career, launched in 1985, continues today with his group, the **Larry Mercey Trio**. In addition, he has continued his affiliation on the **CKNX Traveling Barn Dance Show**, as a guest performer. His unwavering contribution to country music reached a major milestone when, on December 10, 2020, he celebrated 65 years in the music industry.

Congratulations Larry to you, Ray & Lloyd ... the small town trio of brothers from Grey County's Hanover, Ontario, who through hard work, dedication & talent, achieved the ultimate musical pinnacle, that of becoming one of Canada's all-time greatest country music personalities.



Country crooner, Kyle Lougheed from Rockford, & Larry share old times & a tune. Kyle nominated The Mercey Brothers for induction into the Bruce Grey Music Hall of Fame.

To order an autographed print copy of 'HAVE MERCY,' contact Larry Mercey at [larrymercey40@gmail.com](mailto:larrymercey40@gmail.com) OR Arnie Clark, [buckoadv@yahoo.ca](mailto:buckoadv@yahoo.ca) – ph. 519-371-1152  
Book Price ~ \$25 (shipping not included)



Larry Mercey performing with the Silver River Band at the Bruce Grey Music HOF event (June 16, 2016).

**What They're Saying About Larry & 'HAVE MERCY'**

*"A truly remarkable journey in life & in music."*  
Larry Delaney, Country Music News

*"If like me, you enjoy reading a good book filled with insights into the music business, this book is for you. So sit back, relax & enjoy."*  
Tommy Hunter

*"It's extremely rare to access the brilliant mind of a multi-Juno & CCMA award winner... & that is why I'm grateful that Larry decided to share his memories with us all."*  
Brett Kissel, Juno & CCMA Award Winner

*"Such a great book! So many gems in this book... well written & a great read. Thanks fore sharing your experiences with us."*  
Carroll Baker

*"A powerful history of Larry & the Mercey brothers in the music industry. A gold medal winner"*  
Bill Murdoch

*"HAVE MERCY... an amazing read. A book most worthy of that special place in every music fan's library."*  
Arnie Clark



Brothers Trio...  
**The Merceys**



The Mercey Brothers... induction into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame.

