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## CAT® TRUCK ENGINES FEATURED MILLION MILER

### DARRELL JAMES

**LOCATION:** Jane Lew, West Virginia

**CAREER MILES:** Over 4.5 million

**CAT TRUCK ENGINE MODEL:** 3406E (550 hp)

**TRUCK TYPE:** 1998 Peterbilt 379 (approaching 2 million miles)

**FAMILY LIFE:** Married for 35 years. 8 children; 16 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren.



#### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TRUCK DRIVER?

Overall, 50 years. The last 25 years have been with Mercer Transportation out of Louisville, KY.

#### WHAT DO YOU HAUL? LONG OR SHORT HAUL?

I haul a lot of military, general freight and building equipment. I run long hauls, coast to coast—all across the United States.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Meeting people. Meeting all kinds of different people. It's real pleasant. I'm a people person. I like to have conversations with people.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Fishing and hunting.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE STATE TO DRIVE THROUGH?

One of the most beautiful places is the northwest part of Idaho, close to Yellowstone. I love to drive across the states out west into Seattle. For scenery, my home state West Virginia.

#### WHAT IS THE SECRET TO YOUR SUCCESS?

It's having a family and a wife that understands you not being there—all have supported me over the years doing what I do. And it (the job) being something that you love to do and having a good time doing it.

#### WHAT TRADE SECRET CAN YOU SHARE?

Keeping up with your rates. Knowing what your rate is per mile. Being vigilant of what is going on around you.