



Thomas H. Perkins

June 11, 1934 - May 25, 2019

Thomas H. Perkins

Age 84, of Gardner, IL, passed away peacefully May 25, 2019 at his home surrounded by family. Born June 11, 1934 in Lafayette, IN to the late A.W. and Kathryn (nee Brockman) Perkins. Veteran of the United States Army, serving for two years. Tom married the former Joyce Dennison on May 4, 1957 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Braidwood. He retired from the Teamsters Local #179 and also worked for 55 years in custom carpentry and remodeling. Tom helped his community in many ways. He served on the Gardner Grade School Board for 9 years, served several years as planning commissioner and chairman for the Gardner Zoning Board, a board member for the South West Medical Center, and helped with the Route 66 preservation committee. He been involved in Boy Scouting for 73 years and attended 10 U.S. Scout Jamborees and was also involved with the Ottawa Scouting/Heritage Museum for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce; four sons, Tom W. (Dawn) Perkins of Morris, IL, Dan M. (Debbie Wiegand) Perkins of Custer Park, IL, Steve (Kriss Huff) Perkins of Gardner, and Tim (Colleen) Perkins of Gardner; two daughters, Jan (Tim D.) Fehr of Joliet, IL and Shari (Gary) Unger of Coal City, IL; 12 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and one brother, Willard Perkins of Gardner.

Preceding him in death was sister-in-law, Dorothy Perkins.

Funeral services will be from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory, Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 9:30 to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stanley Drewniak will officiate.

Interment with military honors will follow in Braceville-Gardner Cemetery.

The visitation will be Wednesday, May 29, from 3-8 p.m. with Broken Arrow service from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to Joliet Area Community Hospice, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, or the Ottawa Scout Museum.

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory
401 E. Main St., Braidwood, 815-458-2336
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Cemetery Details

Braceville-Gardner Cemetery

7295 W. Braceville Road
Braceville, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LO

“ Rest In Peace Big Tom! Our sincere sympathy to Joyce and all of the Perkins family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Linda & Ron. I carry wonderful memories of you all, from childhood to now! Love, Linda Treasure Offerman ❤️

Linda Treasure Offerman - May 30, 2019 at 05:16 PM

LB

“ Deepest sympathies to all. I will always remember Mr. Perkins laugh. I can still hear it when I think of him. Until we all meet again.
RIP
Chuck & Linda Pfeifer Basham
McCordsville, IN



Linda Basham - May 30, 2019 at 07:43 AM

DB

“ Joyce my sympathy to you and your family i will always remember the scout fish fries with tom and the life lessons he taught me i will miss him . Dan boyd.

Dan boyd - May 29, 2019 at 06:47 PM

LL

“ Sorry for your loss
Al Randolph and Linda



Linda Lyday - May 29, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Perkins.*



May 29, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *Warren & Angie Goetsch lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Perkins*



Warren & Angie Goetsch - May 29, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss.
I will miss Tom and his stories.*

Mark and Angelyn Hahn



Mark Hahn - May 29, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Joyce my deepest sympathy to you and your family i will always treasure my time at the scout fish fries with him and the life lessons i learned from him . Dan boyd*

Dan boyd - May 29, 2019 at 12:52 PM

DB

“ Our condolences to The Perkins family. RIP Big Tom!



Dave Bexson - May 29, 2019 at 09:56 AM

KS

“ Kyle and Kecia (Wiegand) Schwarzkopf purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas H. Perkins.



Kyle and Kecia (Wiegand) Schwarzkopf - May 28, 2019 at 07:07 PM

TF

“ Terry Allison Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas H. Perkins.



Terry Allison Family - May 28, 2019 at 06:54 PM

Jon Posing

“ Jon Posing lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Perkins



Jon Posing - May 28, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Perkins.



May 28, 2019 at 02:47 PM



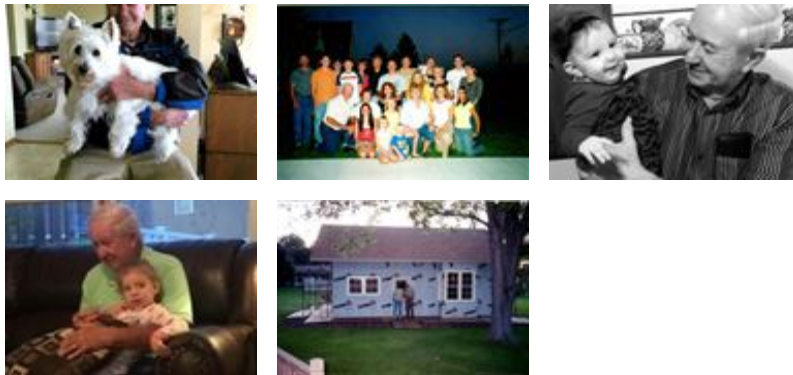
“ Himes Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Perkins



Himes Family - May 28, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ 156 files added to the album LifeTributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - May 28, 2019 at 01:25 PM

DS

“ *David Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Perkins*



David Sorensen - May 28, 2019 at 12:19 PM

WP

“ *A boyhood neighbor, always with a ready smile, fondly remembered.
Bill Parkinson
Gettysburg*

William Parkinson - May 28, 2019 at 10:11 AM

KV

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all for the loss of your loved one. May God give you the peace that you seek. Len and Karen VanDuyne*

Karen VanDuyne - May 28, 2019 at 09:58 AM

GH

“ *Greg &Lori Hensley lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Perkins*



Greg &Lori Hensley - May 27, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Perkins.*



May 27, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Perkins.*



May 27, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *A truly good friend is hard to find. I had one, his name was Tom Perkins. He not only was a friend to me but also to the entire Route 66 Preservation Committee. When he was needed he didn't know how to say no, he would just ask when and where he was needed .What a man!*

*John Weiss
Route 66 Preservation Committee*

John Weiss - May 27, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *my deepest sympathies, Tom will be missed, i will always remember the OA fellowship and his warm smile. don c.*

Don Cameron - May 27, 2019 at 09:54 AM

FM

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to your whole family, at this time.*

Bill and Faye Malek

Faye Malek - May 26, 2019 at 11:38 PM

DM

“ *Doug & Linda Mandat lit a candle in memory of Thomas H. Perkins*



Doug & Linda Mandat - May 26, 2019 at 11:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Perkins.*



May 26, 2019 at 07:32 PM