



William James Perkins, Jr.

August 16, 1934 - May 17, 2011

William James Perkins, Jr., son of the late William James Perkins and Agnes (Leonard) Elliott, was born August 16, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri. Bill, as he was known to his family and friends, grew up in the St. Louis area and attended and graduated from Berkley High School in 1953.

In 1954, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country faithfully where he had attained the rank of Machinist Mate Third Class until his honorable discharge on January 9, 1958.

On March 11, 1997, Bill was united in marriage to Dawn Christine Cota in Las Vegas, Nevada, which happened to be one of Bill's favorite places. They shared over 14 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

During his working years, Bill spent 17 years at Negwer Materials in Berkley, Missouri. After moving to the Pulaski County area, Bill worked for the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department and then began working for the Pulaski County Ambulance District when it was first formed. He made the very first run for the ambulance district. After leaving the ambulance district, he then began working as a police officer for the Crocker Police Department before becoming one of the first dispatcher's for the 911 Communications Center. The last position that Bill held was a dispatcher/jailer for the Dixon Police Department. His true passion in life was law enforcement and he enjoyed every position he

had.

In his spare time, Bill was a member of the American Legion Post 331 of St. Robert. He enjoyed fishing, playing pool and darts and was an avid animal lover. His precious dogs: Brooke, Bear Bear, Jose, Misty, Pepe and Holly were all very special to him. His greatest joy was playing Santa Claus every year. He loved seeing the excitement on the children's faces. Most importantly, he treasured those times that he could spend with his family and friends.

Bill will be sadly missed by all those that knew and loved him. He passed away at 5:21 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the Phelps County Regional Medical Center of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 76 years, 9 months and 1 day.

Bill leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Dawn of the home; six children: Kellie Sadler (Mike) of Ft. Hood, TX, Pam Banks of Goodlettsville, TN, Randy Perkins of Waynesville, Ronald Eder of Waynesville, Diana Arthur (Ricki) of Sparta, MO and Laura James (Rick) of Florissant, MO; Dawn's children: Valynda Mackie (John) and their children of the state of Michigan and Scott Mercier (Trza) and their children of Fairbanks, AK; 13 grandchildren: Michael and Matthew Brewington, Melissa Cramer, Stacy Campbell, Ian Sparks, Nels Perkins, Michael Sadler II, Caleb and Dylan Sadler, Logan Vogt, and Eric, Steven and Anthony Lippe; 14 great grandchildren: Scott Mercier, Jr., Ricky Mercier and Hannah, Jacob and Olivia Mackie; other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his brother: Dr. James Elliott and one uncle: Bill Elliott.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 20, 2011 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert with Rev. Danny Graves officiating. Mike Sadler, Bill's son-in-law, recalled his wonderful memories of

Bill. The song "Danny Boy" was played and serving as escorts were Mike Sadler, Michael Sadler II, Dylan Sadler, Michael Brewington, Matthew Brewington and Randy Perkins.

Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery-Fort Leonard Wood of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of William Perkins to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the American Heart Association and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of William James Perkins, Jr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *William James Perkins, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Bill we miss you and am so glad we had the chance to get to know you and work with you. You are the best. Dawn if you need anything let us know.*

We love you Bill##imported-begin##Charles and Karen McPeak##imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ Dear Dawn,
So sorry to hear of Perks passing. I did not know till tonight that he had passed. You both brought such joy and laughter during the times we hung out down at Mel & Di's. I am so glad to have had him (and you) in my life. Everyone comes into your life for a reason. I will NEVER forget the night you and Perk helped me get back at my friends in the Ole Pumpkin Patch! That will Forever be such a wonderful memory! If you need anything please email me! I would love to see you. So sorry I wasn't there as I would have been had I have known. Take care and you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Sandra###imported-begin###Sandra Kay Strutton ###imported-end##

May 23, 2011 at 12:05 AM



“ Kellie & Family- I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was such a kind and caring man who always helped others. He made everyone smile and laugh with his great humor. He loved his family and grandkids. He will be missed in the community and by all that knew him. God Bless###imported-begin###Gwen & Brent Formy-Duval###imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ Ronnie and I are so sorry to here of Bill's passing. He was a dear friend and we would have liked to have been at the services but just found out tonight. Our prayers are with his family and our hearts will always have an empty spot in them with him gone. God Bless You.###imported-begin###Ronnie and Peggy Walters###imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 02:43 AM



“ Dawn,

Our prayerS go out to you & your family during this tough time in your lives. May God Keep you strong through it all!!!imported-begin##Tony Washington & Family##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 04:23 PM



“ Hey Bill

You got out of here too soon. Thanks for watching my back all those years as my Dispatcher. It was a pleasure to work with you and for the times you gave me so much Sh#\$\$. Take care brother God got another patrolman today.##imported-begin##Paul ##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 04:01 PM



“ During your time of Sorrow -there's a warm spot in my heart for you and your family. May God Be with yuns all in your time of Greif.##imported-begin##Anita P. McClanahan##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 03:28 PM



“ My prayers are with you and your family. We will always love you and if there is anything we can do for you just let us know. With Blessings from above, may you be streghten in your time of need, may God Bless you and keep you. A friend to the end.

Love

Erma##imported-begin##James and Erma Thomas##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 01:32 PM



“ Dawn,
Gerlinde and I would like to extend our deepest heart felt sympathy
for the loss of your husband.

*May you find the strength and peace during these hard times to
bring you through.*

Our prayers go out for you.

With our deepest sympathy,

*Bob and Gerlinde Varga##imported-begin##Robert L
Varga##imported-end##*

May 20, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow.
May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. So sorry
about your loss he will truly be missed! If you need anything I'm
just right down the road.##imported-begin##Cathy
Ethington##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 11:51 AM



“ Sorry your loss. Will keep you in my thoughts and
prayers.##imported-begin##Carol henson##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 11:34 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, God Bless you.##imported-begin##Stephen Neiger##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 11:23 AM



“ sorry for your lossyour in our prayersgeorge@debbie##imported-begin##george reynolds##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 11:22 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you.##imported-begin##Debra Waslh##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 11:12 AM



“ Dawn, Our Prayers And Thoughts Our With You. I'm So Sorry For Your Loss. Patty Bowman##imported-begin##Patty Bowman##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 11:06 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Stephanie Huber##imported-end##

May 20, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Dawn I am very soory for your loss. It was a great pleasure to know your husband, he was a very special man to many people. My prayers are with you in the time of great loss and great lonliness.##imported-begin##alice wood##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 10:21 PM



“ He Will BE Miss But He Is With Us!
You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he lived,
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your back,

Or you can do what he would want
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.
Love ya you know am here for you!##imported-begin##Donna
Bales##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ Dearest Dawn and Family,

With Heart Felt Sympathies

Christ In The Clouds ~ Art By Danny Hahlbohm

My heart goes out to you in the loss of your love one. I am so sorry and just wanted to express our Deepest Sympathy to you and your family.

None of us knows when God will call us Home, but in time of sorrow is when we need family and friends to give us comfort.

May your memories give you comfort, and fill your heart with happiness as you recall them.

If anything I can do for you please let us know. In the meantime our prayers are with you today and always that God will give you peace of mind knowing that God is with you holding your hand during this sad time.

May God Bless and comfort you and your family in your hour of grief.

With Our Deepest Sympathy!

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“I am the LORD, your God, who grasps your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

~Isaiah 41:13-20

We extend to you and your family our prayers and deepest sympathy. God Bless all of you.

*Love and Prayers,
Marvin and Mary Frank##imported-begin##Marvin & Mary Frank##imported-end##*

May 19, 2011 at 07:03 PM



“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You were a good boss and you turned into a WONDERFUL friend. Bill will be deeply missed and never forgotten. I know his four-legged friends will miss him!! If you need anything at all, or a doggie-sitter, PLEASE don't hesitate to ask. Love you girl!!##imported-begin##Kelly Fleischer##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 03:08 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time. I just wanted you to know I am thinking of you. My deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Nicholas Frank##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ Dawn and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. If you need, anything, please don't hesitate to call.##imported-begin##Margie Daniels##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 02:00 PM



“ *Bill you will be greatly missed, you have touched everyone hearts! I am blessed to have the chance to work with you. I will always remember you and your humor and your free sprit. God Bless You*##imported-begin##*Jessica Hardesty-Wiles*##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 01:58 PM



“ *I will forever miss our friendship and that witt and humor you brought to work everyday. I'm just glad our paths crossed each other in this lifetime and we became friends. Rest in peace my friend.*##imported-begin##*Karen Hardwick*##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 01:53 PM