



Mr. Howard Perkins, Jr.

December 11, 1930 - April 5, 2016

Mr. Howard Perkins, Jr., 85, of Peoria, IL passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at 7:32 PM, Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Howard was born on December 11, 1930 in Birmingham, Alabama to Howard, Sr., and Tinnie Mae (Robinson) Perkins. Howard joined the US Air Force to serve his country, November of 1948, at the age of 17. He married the love of his life, Aurthur Mae Rice on February 27, 1963 in Peoria, IL. Howard worked for Caterpillar, Inc., for over 30 years retiring in 1985.

Howard leaves to cherish his most precious memories his loving companion and wife of 61 years, Aurthur Mae Perkins of Peoria; four sons, Darnell Hannah of Peoria, Howard Wesley (Cynthia) Perkins of Seattle, WA, Lloyd Anthony Perkins of ST. Louis, MO and Lawrence Quentin Perkins of Peoria; 12 grandchildren, Marcus Rice, David Gaines, Tabitha Hannah-Lewis, Keisha Lucas, Portia Perkins, Brittany Perkins, Cedric Hannah, Michael Perkins, Jr., Halo Perkins, Micah Perkins, Stephon Hayden and Tonya Hayden; 7 great grandchildren, two of whom are being raised as daughters, Kadeja McElmurry and Alexis McElmurry; 2 great great grandchildren; a special brother-in-law, Rev. Herschel (Yvette) Hannah of Bloomington; special cousins from Ohio; Godchildren Andrae (Sonia) Holliday Sr. from Oswego, IL; and a host of other family, friends and his church family who all truly adored him. He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Perkins, one daughter, Nina Gaynelle Moore and granddaughter, Feliza McElmurry.

Howard was a man of great stature, height...yes; but also enormous strength of character. He was the gentle giant loved by his family, church, friends and the Peoria community. Howard loved barbequing, writing, talking politics and sports, cross word puzzles, playing cards, shooting pool with family and playing with his grand and great grandchildren.

Howard was a faithful member of Star of Hope Full Gospel Church for over 30 years. He served as Deacon, Trustee and Maintenance supervisor. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, April 16, 2016 with a visitation beginning two hours prior to the service at 9 AM. Bishop Joseph Johnson will officiate. Howard will be entombed at Parkview Mausoleum where Air Force Military Rites will be rendered.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Mausoleum

2001 N University St
IL 61604
(309) 688-0733

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Star of Hope Full Gospel Church
417 W. Romeo B. Garrett Avenue
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

APR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Howard Perkins, Jr.*



Simons Mortuary - April 15, 2016 at 02:40 PM

SB

This is such a beautiful video. Family I know nothing about. A father I didn't know. My condolences and peace be unto you all.

Shontell Bounds - January 27, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Mr. Howard Perkins, Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Howard Perkins, Jr.*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM

RM

“ *My heartfelt condolences & Prayers are with you Mrs Perkins & family
Papa Perkins had the best bbq ribs I ever tasted. I'm thankful I got to met such a wonderful man like Papa Perkins
Love you, Roxanne McGhee*



Roxanne McGhee - April 15, 2016 at 11:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard Perkins, Jr..*



April 15, 2016 at 11:57 AM

TS

“ *Aurthur Mae,

You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom and Sarah Schlich*

Tom Schlich - April 14, 2016 at 02:52 PM

TR

“ *What a beautiful life, well-lived! Our prayers are with the whole family, and special prayers for you, Aurthur. May you all find comfort in your memories and in your faith.*

Tim and Nancy Ryon - April 14, 2016 at 10:56 AM

RM

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the family!
Papa Perkins is gonna be greatly missed
He was a kind & very wise man.



Roxanne McGhee - April 11, 2016 at 01:17 AM

RS

“ To the Family of Mr. Howard Perkins;

The pain of missing of missing him go's on,
this to will pass on.
I thank the time we talked about the Lord,
Jesus Christ Our Savior who died for us all.
God bless your family in the Name of Jesus Christ.



Rev. John H. Lee Sr - April 09, 2016 at 04:49 PM

CC

“ May your Memories bring you Joy ...
May your Family and Friends bring you Comfort ...
and May your Faith bring you Peace ...
Sending Love and Prayers ... gonna miss my Big Teddy Bear :(
((HUGS))

Chris Christensen - April 07, 2016 at 10:25 PM

BT

“ Mr. Perkins will surely be missed! My condolences to Mrs. Perkins
and the family.....

Beverly Thomas - April 07, 2016 at 08:54 AM

PC

“ *Pastor Joseph Cherry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Howard Perkins, Jr.*



Pastor Joseph Cherry - April 07, 2016 at 07:43 AM