



Paul Melvin Perkins

March 4, 1925 - April 4, 2013

Paul Melvin Perkins, 88, passed away on April 4, 2013. He was born to Edward Thomas Perkins and Mable E Ames Perkins on March 4, 1925 in Toledo, OH. He married Marceline Roberts on November 2, 1946 who preceded him in death (March 13th, 2007) following 60 years of marriage. Paul graduated from Adrian High School in 1943. He was elected to the All State Football Team playing as one of Adrian's "Midget Guards" (5'6" and 135 lbs.). His team also voted him Most Valuable Player in 1942. He also played a season (1948) with the Semi Pro, Big Reds of the Adrian Athletic Club. He served in the US Army 1943 to 1946 and earned his honorable discharge after serving with the 396th Field Artillery Battalion of the 16th Armored Division in France. He worked 20 years as an auto mechanic and another 21 years truck repair at Fisher Body before retiring. He then volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and helped build 16 homes in 3 different counties in Michigan. He was 74 when he helped with his last one. In 2000 he moved to Charlotte and continued to do volunteer work with St. Vincent De Paul food bank and helped with the construction of the Eaton Area Senior Center. Throughout his life he was involved with Boy Scouts, the Elks and Moose Clubs of Adrian, St. Josephs Catholic Church in Adrian and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlotte, Camping clubs, Fiddlers and Dulcimer groups He had a great love for music and his banjo. He shared this at countless campfires, birthdays, anniversaries, jamborees and evenings at home. He was preceded in death by his parents, his 3 brothers and 1 sister, Edwin Milton Perkins 1908-1970,

Clare Carlos Perkins 1911-1976, Kenneth Arthur Perkins 1911-1982, and Alta Mable (Zinc) Rogers 1922-1987. Survivors include his dear companion Marilyn Royston of Charlotte, sons Robert (Mary) Perkins of West Des Moines, IA, Karen (Earl) Hixson of Lansing, MI, Pauline Perkins of Charlotte, MI, Kenneth Perkins of Tucson, AZ, Michael (Cathy) Perkins of Dallas, TX, and Ronald Perkins of Charlotte, MI; 15 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Funeral services for Paul will be held Monday April 8, 2013, at 11am at St. Mary Catholic Church, Charlotte with Father Francis Mossholder officiating. Burial will follow at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. Visitations will be held at Pray Funeral Home on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, from 2-4pm and 6-8pm with Rosary to follow the last visitation on Sunday evening. Memorial contributions are suggested to Eaton Community Hospice and VFW National Home for Children. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, 401 W. Seminary St., Charlotte. On-line condolences may be left for the family at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Melvin Perkins*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *To the Perkins Clan: When your dad's "Birthday Reminder" popped up in early March on my computer, my mind went back to those days when we were all just a bunch of energy. And, like always, Paul was strumming & singing away! I have truly missed him this last year. I hope you all have been able to bask in joyful memories, too. They don't make 'em like Paul Perkins anymore! Love to you all, Claudia*

Claudia Kuster - April 04, 2014 at 12:10 PM

CK

“ *If anyone from the Perkins clan still visits this site and sees this message: I would love to have current phone #s, addresses, and email addresses from you. I love this site and return to it occasionally to watch the video. I really miss Paul...and all of you. Love, Claudia Kuster (claudiajk2@gmail.com 274 Granite Dr, Boulder, CO 80302, 303-547-6657)*

Claudia Kuster - June 09, 2013 at 07:13 PM

DS

“ Paul and the entire Perkins family my deepest condolences. I spent alot of my teen years with your great family and cherish all my memories of those times. Your gentle manner and your dry sense of humor was always great to be around. Thanks for the memories and I'll have a piece of cake in your honor. from Victoria, Daniel, Julianna, Yeon and David Smith (Smutt)

David F Smith - April 11, 2013 at 10:48 PM

RR

“ Thank you Kenny for leaving us the message about your Dad. Uncle Paul was such a good man and I have a great memories of him and Ant Marcy as a kid. He always kept us up to date if something happened in the family. He will be missed by many.

Ross & Sandi Roberts - April 09, 2013 at 02:29 PM

CK

“ Dearest Paul, You were here...we all heard you: your ever-present laughter and smile, that twinkle in your eye, your "always-uplifting" banjo and song. From my earliest memories, you and your family have been a part of me and mine. Dad called you "brother" and "the best friend a guy could ask for". Your love for each other brought our two families together many times. Your legacy is that incredible Perkins clan as well as sharing your gift of music with us all. When you see Floyd and Marci, hold them in your arms and know that all of us here are in that hug. Don't stop the music! Love always, Claudia, David, and Terri Kuster

Claudia Kuster - April 08, 2013 at 11:35 AM

NP

“ Hey gramps ill miss you dearly, thank you for so much for all your years of love, support, and wisdom. The strongest heart to ever beat has finally come to rest. I love you and i know you will always be with us when you are most needed. Tell grandma i love her and enjoy the eternity you will now be able to share with her. Love Nick

Nick Perkins - April 07, 2013 at 12:50 PM

NM

“ Ken and Mike, sorry to hear of your loss, you and your families are in our thought and prayers

nick muck - April 06, 2013 at 05:56 PM

KR

“ Kenny, so,sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. So glad you were able to see him recently. Very hard to lose someone you love.

Kathy Raines - April 06, 2013 at 05:32 PM

MM

“ Very good memories of your father. Sorry for your loss.

Mike Marquis - April 06, 2013 at 03:40 PM

EF

“ Our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I still remember how your parents would glide across the dance floor together - now they can do so in heaven.

Ed & Kris (Kaiser) Foor - April 06, 2013 at 03:29 PM

CP

“ Paul's generous, kind and loving spirit influenced my life from the moment I met him. He was truly a good man and I will always have loving thoughts of him.

Charmene Perkins - April 06, 2013 at 03:00 PM

MA

“ To the Family of Paul Perkins, We were so sorry to learn of Paul's passing. We always enjoyed seeing him at the Michigan Fiddlers' events. May the peace and love of Christ be with you during this time.

Michigan Fiddlers' Association - April 06, 2013 at 09:43 AM

KP

“ Dear Dad, So happy your at peace! You were truly the most influential man in my life through all my ups and downs, always loving, and forgiving, a strong, compassionate man. Your presence as well as your wonderful sense of humor will be missed by many. I love you, say hi to Mom, Kenny

Kenny Perkins - April 05, 2013 at 08:39 PM

AW

“ Rest in Peace Grandpa. You will be missed by all of us. Andrea, Chris, Allan and Cara

Andrea Wheelock - April 05, 2013 at 02:58 PM

SP

“ Amy and Andrea, I am sorry to hear of your grandfathers passing. Cherish the memories you have of him, they will always be with you. Love and prayers to you and your families! Love you guys, Sharon

Sharon Phillips - April 05, 2013 at 01:45 PM

VB

“ Amy & Andrea: I am very sorry to hear of you grandfather's passing. He was a very good man and I have many fond memories of him Dad

Vic Bozzo - April 05, 2013 at 01:20 PM

KM

“ Just a little note (from friends at OSMC)to say we are sorry for your loss. We are great friends with Amy Bozzo and want to include her as part of our family as well. Blessings and peace to all of you.
Kathy Jane Alisia @ OSMC

Kathy McNeal - April 05, 2013 at 01:16 PM

AB

“ Rest in peace Grandpa. I love you and I will cherish the memories of you.

Amy M. Bozzo - April 05, 2013 at 12:41 PM