



David Ray Perkinson

January 17, 1952 - January 8, 2011

Funeral services for David Ray Perkinson, 58, will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2011 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Jeff Gardner will officiate with burial in Westview Memorial Park Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Thursday, January 13, 2011 from 12 – 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Perkinson died Saturday, January 8, 2011. Born in Hartsville, SC, he was a proud graduate of the class of 1971 of Hartsville High School and loved the Red Foxes. He was a fireman with the City of Hartsville Fire Department for many years. He enjoyed NASCAR and worked at the Darlington Race Track and the Florence Motor Speedway.

Surviving are his wife, Diane Arsenault Perkinson of Hartsville, SC; sons, Keith Allen of Fitchburg, MA, Michael Allen of Fitzwilliam, NH, Donald Smith of Hartsville, SC, Curtis Smith of Hartsville, SC; sisters, Linda (Von) Johnson of Hartsville, SC, Debbie (Carl) Moore of Hartsville, SC, Becky (Mark) Daniel of Orlando, FL, Lisa (Chris) Sims of Hartsville, SC; brother, Jim (Pam) Perkinson of Hartsville, SC; 7 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, James L. Perkinson, and his grandmother, Ruth S. Perkinson, who raised him.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel
306 W Home Ave
Hartsville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Diane*
My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.##imported-begin##Jeanette S. Blackmon##imported-end##

January 18, 2011 at 08:37 AM



“ *MAY GOD BE WITH YOU,WE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES,WORKING ON THE CAR 47 AND 72 YOU WILL BE WELL MISS PERK. 'SHAG'##imported-begin##WAYNE GAINEY " SHAG"##imported-end##*

January 16, 2011 at 02:01 PM



“ *Dear Becky and family - My thoughts have been with you this week as well. I hope that you are comforted by the love and prayers around you at this difficult time. I so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Kate##imported-end##*

January 15, 2011 at 08:27 AM



“ *Dian, I was so sorry to hear about David's passing. My prayers are with you and your family during your lost. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts. May God give you strenght at this time to make it through it all. Love you##imported-begin##Jennie Sherrill##imported-end##*

January 14, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ Thinking and praying for each and every one of you. Love you all, Louise##imported-begin##Louise Howle Talbert##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 08:30 PM



“ So sorry about your loss. David was such a special person. He will surely be missed by so many. praying for the whole family.##imported-begin##susan watkins##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 07:06 PM



“ Linda and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie Brown Wynne##imported-begin##Debbie Brown Wynne##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 05:36 PM



“ Perkinson Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Lori Lesieur##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 02:24 PM



“ I just want to express my sincere condolences to the family. Mr. Perkinson was one of the best Red Fox fans there could ever be. I can promise his courage and strength will help power the Red Foxes for many seasons to come.##imported-begin##Jeff Calabrese##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 11:19 AM



“ Perk you are now my spotter forever thanks for everything. Karl Jennings number 47.##imported-begin##Karl Jennings ##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 11:40 PM



“ Jim.
I was so sorry to learn of David's passing. I know that our Lord God will see all of you through this trying time. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and the rest of the family. If I can be of any help to you, please let me know. Chasity said to tell you she is sorry for your loss.
We both love you.##imported-begin##wittie waldron##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 06:00 PM



“ Diane, you and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. David fought a good fight with his battle with cancer and now he is rejoicing in Heaven with our Heavenly Father. He was a very dear friend to many people and we will all miss him very much. He was always there to lend a helping hand if and when needed. The Class of 1971 has lost a very special person and our socials and reunions will not be the same without him there. He will be there in spirit!!!!!! I will always remember the good times we had in school from Grade 1 through Grade 12. Rest in peace my friend. We will meet again one day.##imported-begin##Barbara King Lee##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 02:32 PM



“ Dear Perkinson Family, we are so sorry to hear of David's passing. We always looked forward to seeing David when we were all with the NASCAR Dash Series. A Great Man! We will miss him. God Bless you!##imported-begin##Scott & Teresa Willard##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Perkinson family,
Besides knowing David thru Jim and Lisa, I also knew him from Florence Motor Speedway, always enjoying the race and enjoying life. I know he had a hard struggle, but he is rejoicing with other lost family and friends. We miss him at the track and here on Earth. May the Angels of Heaven wrap their loving arms around all of you. My heart drop to see the sign and flowers Sat. at the family home, I stopped and started praying, "please Lord the family has been thru so much, Please Protect them.
Love you all.
Dana Munn Parker##imported-begin##Dana Munn Parker##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 01:36 PM



“ Jim, So sorry to see that your brother David has passed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. The snow is so pure and white, can you image what David is seeing in heaven today. Gary Vann##imported-begin##Gary and Annie Vann##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ I think of the numerous visits I had with David over the years, and not once do I recall his saying anything negative about someone. He loved his neighbor as himself and sits at the banquet table with all the saints who have gone before. Let light perpetual shine upon him.##imported-begin##Mary Alice King##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 11:21 AM



“ Dianne,
We sure are going to miss David's smiling face on each service with a little one bouncing on his knee. James and I will pray for you to be comforted during your time of loss.##imported-begin##Tracy Redfearn##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 08:47 AM



“ Perkinson Family, Sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts & prayers. Love Andy & Terri Huggins##imported-begin##Terri Huggins##imported-end##

January 10, 2011 at 07:29 AM



“ Lisa, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are my 2nd family and I love you all. If there is anything I can do for any of you please let me know. I know David is in a better place now after his long battle. My thought and prayers are with you.. Love you, Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Robbins##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 10:44 PM



“ David was a loving and kind man who always had a smile and a bear hug for me. I will miss him. His family has been with me for all of my life. I used to play in his dads back yard when I was a child. I had one Aunt that lived on one side of his mom and dad and one Aunt on the other. I ran through that back yard and played more times than I can count. Mrs. Dianne, I love you and cherish you. David is at home with Mrs. Louise and Perk now and smiling down on us. The Lord has a new star in the Heavens for us to cherish. My heart is broken but his pain is over now.##imported-begin##Amanda Chiles##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 08:31 PM



“ I am sorry sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless,
Sara Orlowski##imported-begin##Sara Orlowski##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 08:07 PM



“ Diane -- You and the family are in my prayers as you go through this loss. You guys put up a strong fight against that disease and your support was vital to the strength David showed. He is missed.##imported-begin##Richard Puffer##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 03:49 PM



“ Dear Jim and Family,
We extend our heartfelt condolences as you go through this very difficult time. Just know that David is in Heaven now, rejoicing with his dad our Heavenly Father. He would want you also to rejoice with him, for he is no longer suffering. May God surround you with comfort and peace...your loss is now His gain.
Michelle and Kevin Brand###imported-begin##Michelle and Kevin Brand###imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 01:45 PM



“ Diane & The Perkinson Family: How sad it is to hear of David's passing. Please take comfort, as we do, knowing that he is with God and is now free of the pain he had here on earth. We are so grateful to have seen David at the reunion (and to have met you, Diane.) Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time and always.###imported-begin##Rocky & Jeanne Segars###imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 12:54 PM



“ I have known David for many years. My prayers are with the family during this time.###imported-begin##Agnes Lyles###imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 12:07 PM



“ Diane and family. This is such a bittersweet time; A sad time that my friend of so many years is gone, but a happy time that I know GOD has now healed him and he is running on the streets in heaven shouting GO FOXES, and is also looking for the nearest fire station to check on###imported-begin##Sean Irvin###imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 09:45 AM



“ Dear Jim and entire Perkinson family so sorry about your loss. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Wade & Laura Harris##imported-begin##Wade & Laura Harris##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 09:41 AM



“ Dear Family, The road that David just followed is difficult, the pain is gone and now he is in the company of family and friends and a saviour that loves him... find comfort in your faith and love in your great families...##imported-begin##Linda Lane##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 09:19 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Tonda Bunch##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 08:45 AM



“ Diane, Linda, Debbie, Becky, Jim, and Becky, I am so sorry to hear about David. He fought a long hard battle and now I know he is in a better place and I am sure he and your dad are celebrating in Heaven tonight. Please know I love you all and I am here for you.. We love you all and are thinking of you.. Love Lisa and Steve.##imported-begin##Lisa Robbins##imported-end##

January 09, 2011 at 01:41 AM



“ Dear Perkinson family,
We are so sorry to hear about David. He was such a sweet person and he is going to be greatly missed. I know how much he loved racing and the racing community loved him. I had some good chats with him on facebook and I will miss him alot. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless and keep you close.
Love you all,
Crystal Danny Cameron and Danielle###imported-begin##crystal talbert minnehan###imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 10:50 PM



“ Jim and family, know that you are in my prayers. God will see thru these difficult times. David was a true friend and we shared a lot of good times working as firefighters at Darlington Raceway and turning wrenches on race cars. I know he is in the midst of all the past NASCAR greats.###imported-begin##Greg Hickey###imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 08:25 PM



“ David/Perk:), you were like family to us for many years & we will always hold you & those happy memories close to our hearts. I'm so glad we were able to reconnect when you moved back to Hartsville. As others have said, you fought a great battle. While you will be missed by many, I'm happy that you are now completely healed & in our ever lasting home with your loved ones & friends from the past. To all of David's family, we are praying for your comfort & strength during this difficult time. If there is anything we can do, please let us know.###imported-begin##Katherine Lavender Grainger (on behalf of Joe Lavender & the entire Lavender family)###imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 08:04 PM



“ It's hard to say goodbye to someone who as done so much to bring the world of friends together as Perk has done. You are a true friend's friend. Thank you for being who you are and I will always think of you. Rest in Peace my friend. You are in a better place. I will pray for Diane and the family to be strong as this time. We will all be back together as some time. Hartsville and the world has lost a very special person.##imported-begin##David King##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 06:25 PM



“ To Diane & All of David's Fammily.
I'm truly saddend to hear about David's passing. I/(we) have truly lost a dear friend "Perk". I know he will be missed by everyone that knew him. David, was liked by a lot people, but, he was loved by so many more.I'm truly Blessed to have had you as a part my life for some 40+ years, and a wonderful, kind classmate. I'll always cherish our talks, visits that we shared and especially your laughter. David, you have shown me and everyone around you what true courage really is, in the face of a dreadful foe. I hope that I will always be as strong as you were in this battle. At the same of my sadness, I'm also SO THANKFUL, we serve such a Merciful GOD. Our friend David will not have to suffer Anymore for Anything. I know today, you are up running again, and shouting "GO BIG RED" !!!##imported-begin##James H. McElveen##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 02:21 PM



“ Diane, Jeff and I are so sorry for your loss. David was so special. He was a frequent guest at the Lyles' home growing up (to see Paula)! Our home was always his. David is now rejoicing in heaven with my Mom, Dad, and brother. We have a wonderful assurance that we will see him and all of our loved ones in heaven again. What a day that will be. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jeff and Carolyn Sifford##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 01:26 PM



“ Jim and family,
Sorry to hear of your brothers passing. We will be praying for you during this difficult time.
Chris and Rhonda Norton##imported-begin##Chris Norton##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 01:23 PM



“ Jim, Lisa and Perkinson family I am sorry to hear of David passing. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Jimmy Andrews##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 11:56 AM



“ We have lost a true friend and earthly treasure but you are heaven's gain. David, you will always hold a special place in my heart. I am honored to have shared over 40 years of my life knowing you.....such a kind a gentle man, yet so strong with your recent battle. We will miss you, I will miss our phone "gosp"! Love and prayers goes out to you Diane...we are here if you need us. God's loving arms are surrounding you now, lean on him!###imported-begin###Harry and Paula Lyles Murph###imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 11:13 AM



“ Dear Diane, family & friends, my thoughts and prayers are with you all today as they have been throughout David's battle. I never got to meet him on this side of Heaven but enjoyed his emails when he requested prayer for others that he loved dearly. I was also able to make some new friends online through David's requests and I know that I will meet him one day in Heaven.
In Christ,
Sherrie Cassidy###imported-begin###Sherrie Cassidy###imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 09:16 AM



“ How do I say goodbye to my precious friend? I am so glad that I was able to spend some time with you yesterday before you went to be with our LORD. I love you my friend of many years. You were so special to me. As my tears flow this morning, the words don't seem to come as I type, so I found my favorite poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning which says it all..

"How Do I Love Thee"

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
I love with a passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints, -- I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life! -- and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.##imported-begin##Roberta
Driskell-O'Steen##imported-end##*

January 08, 2011 at 08:15 AM