



James A. Perkins

July 7, 1928 - October 18, 2007

James A. Perkins of New Haven died October 11, 2007 at home. Funeral Services will be held at Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church 1324 Chapel St, New Haven Thursday October 18, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. Calling hours will begin at 9:00 a.m. Interment in Beavertdale Memorial Park. Calling hours will be held at McClam Funeral Home on Wednesday October 17th, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. friends and family are invited. James A. Perkins, 79, a resident of New Haven, entered into eternal rest at home on October 11, 2007. Mr. Perkins was born in Cuthbert, GA on July 7, 1928, to the late Johnnie Mae West-Ellis, a Georgia school teacher, and the late Alex "Buddy" Perkins, a Georgia funeral director and mortician. Mr. Perkins served in the Korean War, attended Morehouse College and the Atlanta School of Embalming before opening Perkins Funeral Home in 1963. Mr. Perkins dedicated his life to serving the New Haven community and was a member of the International Free and Accepted Mason. Beloved father, Mr. Perkins was survived by two daughters Alexis W. Perkins and Sharon Perkins Boyd both of New Haven, CT. Three Grandchildren Mychal Boyd of Hamden, CT, Deveron A. McLaughlin and Maceo Troy Streater of New Haven, CT, and one great-granddaughter Denaja M. McLaughlin, as well as a host of other close friends and family members. Mr. Perkins was predeceased by his wife Wilhelmina V. Hilton. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church, 1324 Chapel Street, New Haven. Calling hours will be held at 9 a.m. until time of service. Interment in

Beaverdale Memorial Park. viewing hours will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. at the McClam Funeral Home, 95 Dixwell Ave. New Haven, CT.

Tribute Wall



“ James A. Perkins

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ Dear Sharon & Alexis,
I knew your father in the late sixties, and he was such a warm, giving, larger than life figure, quick with a smile and a laugh, who lit up every room he was in. It's been nearly forty years, and he remains one of the most generous and memorable people I've ever met. I hope your grief is made lighter, knowing it's shared by so many, and that your memories sustain you.

Karen Gamell - September 28, 2012 at 04:04 PM



“ LOVE YOU MISS YOU MY DADDY

July 14, 2011 at 11:47 AM



“ SHARON AND ALEXES. WELL ITS BEEN 3WEEKS SENSE PERK BEEN GONE. IT JUST LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN DARRELL AND I WERE LITTLE BOYS WORKING AT THE FUNERAL HOME.PERK HAD A GREAT LOVE FOR US AND THATS THE LOVE WE HAVE FOR YOUR FAMILY. WE BEEN TOGETHER THIS LONG AND WE WILL BE THERE FOR YOU ALWAYS. WE TOLD PERK THE MORNING HE WHENT HOME TO LIVE WITH JESUS. THAT WE WOULD KEEP IT GOING, ALL THE THINGS HE TAUGHT US. SERVING OUR FAMILIES WITH CARE AND COMPASION!!!!!!!!!! WHEN THEY LOSE A LOVE-ONE.

THE MCCLAM FUNERAL HOME - November 02, 2007 at 06:39 PM

AT

“ Sharon and Alexis,

On behalf of the Michael and Lane family we send our deepest sympathy to your family. Your dad was truly a blessing to people. He always made a way and ensured the people were put away properly and with honor. May the memories and love you shared with him follow you all the days ahead, knowing that he at peace and will watch over you always. Sorry we could not be there. Stay strong. May "GOD" bring you peace and solidarity.

Ava, Mom, Tom-Tom - October 19, 2007 at 10:41 AM

GJ

“ God bless him he was there when my family needed him the most more than once.

Gladys Johnson - October 19, 2007 at 10:41 AM

KD

“ Sharon & Alexis, Our condolences to you and your family from Melvyn Sr., Hattie, Melvyn Jr., Toni, Frankie, and Kathy. Your dad was the best man in Melvyn and Hattie's wedding. He was such an amazing man and we have so many great memories of him. He was such a help to our community, burying people with none or little funds, always encouraging my brothers and sister and I, helping people in the community financially and the list goes on and on! He will be missed by many. You all are in our prayers. Love you, Melvyn Sr., Hattie, Melvyn Jr., Toni, Frankie, & Kathy.

Kathy Wiliams Dockery - October 18, 2007 at 12:54 PM

BE

“ Dear Family of Perk,

I am sorry to learn of your father's passing. Certainly a pioneer and visionary for black owned businesses in New Haven. The kindness he extended to those less fortunate when it came to laying their loved one to rest will always be remembered.

*Sincerley,
Belinda*

Belinda - October 18, 2007 at 12:54 PM

KW

“ Sharon & Alexis I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and always smiling and uplifting. He is truly going to be missed. May you find comfort in this difficult time.

Karen Wilson - October 18, 2007 at 12:54 PM

ST

“ TO SHARON & ALEX MAY GOD BE WITH THE BOTH OF YOU DURING THE TIME OF YOUR LOSS OF YOUR FATHER WE ARE PRAYING FOR THE BOTH OF YOU, AND MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALL TIME IN THE PRESENT OF THE LORD WE LOVE YOU WITH ALL ARE HAERTS. 10/17/2007
FROM: STACY (RATCHFORD) KYEI) RATCHFORD FAMILY, AND BOYD FAMILY.

Stacy (Ratchford) Kyei - October 18, 2007 at 12:54 PM

JD

“ Sorry that I could not be there with you, but I hope that you read my entries later when possible and know that I was there in spirit, and heart.

I have things going on up here, that did not allow me to make the journey, and this makes me sad, but I am trying to show you how much this hurts me too.

I hope you saw the flowers I sent as well.

Gob bless you, and I miss and love you all!

You all ready know, words can't speak louder then the years we all spent together, the moments we all shared, and how much we all have loved one another. Nothing can tear that apart, for it comes from the heart!

Love,

Jill E. Dymond & Siedah/Daughter/Pam & Billy

Jill Dymond - October 18, 2007 at 12:54 PM

TF

“ to sharon& alexis our deepest sympathy on the passing of your father may god be with you both.love the files family

tracy files - October 18, 2007 at 12:54 PM

AM

“ On behalf of the entire Mills Family we would like to send our deepest condolences out to you and the Perkins Family. May God continue to bless all you.

ALESE MILLS - October 18, 2007 at 12:54 PM

RD

“ Hi Alexis & Sharon:
You father was an asset to the community and a great man. My
prayers are with you and your family.
God will take care of you!

Rosa

Rosa Richardson Dolberry - October 17, 2007 at 12:17 PM

JD

“ Alexis, prayers to you and your family for the comfort that you need
during this time!

Joy Dunston - October 17, 2007 at 12:17 PM

PW

“ I HAVE KNOWN YOUR FATHER FROM CUTHBERT GA. PERKINS
WAS ALWAYS A FRIEND. LOVING, KIND, AND HAD A GOOD
SENSE OF HUMOR.
MAY GOD BE WITH YOU DURING YOUR HOUR OF
BEREAVEMENT.

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND BLESS YOU,

PASTOR JANETTE SCOTT Williams & PHILADELPHIA CHURCH
FAMILY

P.O. BOX 0588

WEST HARTFORD, CT. 06127

PASTOR JANETTE SCOTT WILLIAMS - October 17, 2007 at 12:17 PM

SF

“ To the Perkins family, may God hold you during your trying time. Remember joy always come in the morning!!! Let him be your rock, and strengthen you all. We LOVE you and will continue to keep you all in our prayers.

Sykes Family - October 17, 2007 at 12:17 PM

GB

“ With deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. May God Bless and keep you.

Gladys S. Brooks - October 17, 2007 at 12:17 PM

DF

“ Dear Sharon & Alexis

Our hearts are heavy and our prays go out to you and your family for your loss.

Perkins was a kind and caring soul he has help so many during the loss of their love ones including my family.

He will truly be miss by many

Denyse Ward & Family - October 17, 2007 at 12:17 PM

DW

“ Dear Sharon & Alexis

We are truly sorry for your loss and our prays are with you. Perkins was a kind and caring man and a sharp dresser too.

He has help so many during the loss of their love ones including my family he truly will be miss by so many he was a good person.

Denyse Ward - October 17, 2007 at 12:17 PM

"B

“ Sharon, my heart goes out to you (and your children) on the loss of your dad.

Try to dwell on the good memories you have of him and how you were so devoted to one another.

Remember, "earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal."

Your dad has made that final departure from his earthly home. That's a trip we all must take, and we all must take that trip alone.

I am a phone call away.....if you need anything to talk, a sounding board, or just need someone to listen I am here for you....do not hesitate to call me....that's what friends are for.

You and your family are in my prayers.

Keep the faith, just keep the faith.

Tenderly,

"Bebe", Daniel, Brack and Chanan

"Bebe" - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

BS

“ On behalf of my family, I sincerely extend our deepest condolences regarding the passing of your dearly beloved father, and our friend. "Perk" befriended everyone, especially those who were in dier need; gave hope to the hopeless and gave unselfless of himself when ever he could.

His charm, personality and sense of humor shall never be matched. He was fun and full of life. Always had a kind and encouraging word to share. He shall live on within our hearts. For we are left with fond memories which we are thankful for and all the more richer just for knowing him.

As for the family members, think of how wonderfully you've been blessed to have had James Perkins in your lives for the amount of time you have been given. So, be encouraged and be of good cheer. Thank our Heavenly Father for showering His blessings down upon us all. I shall remember you all in my prayers.

Tenderly,

"Bebe" (Poitier) Sullivan-Williams and Family

Bebe Sullivan-Williams - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

DS

“ Alexis and Sharon Kevin, Louis and our entire family was so sorry to learn of the passing of your Father. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dorothy Stanford-Harper

Kevin Stanford Sr. and Family

Louis Stanford Jr. and Family

Dorothy Stanford-Harper - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

RF

“ On behalf of the Robinson and Ewing Family we send our deepest condolences to Alexis, Sharon, Mychal, Troy, and Devon.

Robinson and Ewing Family - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

DW

“ ALEXIS & SHARON, MY DEAR FRIENDS, YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES & PRAYERS, IT'S JUST LIKE THE FOOT PRINT PRAYER, HE WILL HOLD YOU WHEN YOU CANT HOLD YOURSELF, YOUR FATHER WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE I MET WHEN I CAME HERE FROM NEW YORK, HE WAS FRIENDS TO MY AUNT AND UNCLE, HE WAS ALWAYS THE KINDEST GENTLE MAN I KNEW, WITH A SMILE LARGER THAN LIFE, HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY, GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU, LOVE YOUR FRIEND DEBBIE WILKINS WHITE

DEBRA WILKINS WHITE - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

HJ

“ Dear Sharon an Alexis,
I am sorry to hear of the loss of your father.
Perkins will truley be missed in New Haven, he was a friend to all.
Many people would not have been able to get through trying times if it was not for your father's compassion and caring manner, my family included. My prayers are with you and your families as you go through this difficult time.
Helen T. James

Helen T. James - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

BP

“ To my two sisters Sharon and Alexis lam lost without words to say but i know that God nener makes a mistake. Be strong always remember that God puts no more on you than you can bear. This has been a great lost for me because Perk was like a 2nd father to me. I've been around you all since i was 14yrs old so thats 30 years so that make me a brother to you both and a son that perkins always said i was. I love you both your little brother Bruce T. Pratt

Bruce T. Pratt - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

"F"

“ Alexis and "Little Dev"

My family joins me in extending our condolences to you and your family during this time of sorrow.

We pray for you and your entire family during these trying days, for the loss of a parent is extremely hard to accept especially when the parent is the only living parent one has.

Be strong for each other and be encouraged for you all are blessed with the gift of life itself.

Love one another, pray together and that shall keep you all together in Christ Jesus who strengthens us.

"Look to the heavens from wince cometh your help...for your help cometh from the Lord, who hath made the heavens and the earth."

"Bebe" and Family - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

JF

“ Dear Sharon and Alexis:

I don't know what to say. You all ready know. Perk was my dad too. I am feeling your pain with the lost of your dad, who was like a father always to me. We both now have lost both of our parents, but now they can party with each other, and everyone else/ within the Perlie Gates.

You have so many good memories to hold on to that are instrumental with the healing process. We will be here for you if you need a friend, or someone to talk to.

"The battle is not yours, it's the Lords."

God bless you, and be Strong/ "THE STORM IS OVER NOW"

I love you both, you all ready know. :(

Jill E. Dymond & Family

Jill E. Dymond & Family - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

RF

“ We send our deepest condolences to Alexis, Sharon, Michal, Troy and Devron.

Robinson & Ewing Families - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

GJ

“ The Jackson and Gatison family would like to say, our prays are with the Perkins family, at this time of lost and may God comfort your hearts.

Gina P Jackson

Gina P- Jackson - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

RV

“ To: The Perkins Family, your father has been a pillar, rock and resource to the city of New Haven and its families for many years. From a child I have always loved and admired him. May you be comforted in the promise of Hebrews 6:10 - For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love.

Rev. Mark Vereen - October 16, 2007 at 08:13 PM

RJ

“ To the Perkiins family: May God keep you all in His care. Your father was an honorable man. He was a passionate and understanding man. We have known him for many years and he did work with the community in their time of sorrow. We will cherish his memories.

God Bless!!

Pastor Henry & Cynthia James

Rev. Henry & Cynthia James - October 15, 2007 at 12:32 PM



“ To the Perkins family, sorry for your loss. Your Father touched so many lives with his gift. Stay strong in the Lord and He will give you strength to get through this.

October 15, 2007 at 12:32 PM

DE

“ On Behalf of the TOLSON FAMILY we send our deepest condolences to the family, may God bless you all during this difficult time we have known the Perkins family for many,many years from all the way back on Newhall Street he was a very kind man and everytime he would see me he would say you never changed since you were a little girl take care of yourself so i will miss him saying that to me and remember God will not put anything on us that we can not handle so be strong and you all will pull through this difficult time and may God bless you all.

DEBORAHTOLSON-FURLOW - October 14, 2007 at 06:28 PM

BM

“ Sharon,
Our thoughts are with you
Barbara & Margaret from the High School

Barbara & Margaret - October 14, 2007 at 06:28 PM