



John Alton Perkins

December 30, 1933 - December 4, 2009

Funeral Services for Mr. John Alton Perkins, Sr. will be conducted, 2 pm, Tuesday Afternoon, December 8, 2009 at the Williams Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Heritage Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Williams Funeral Home, Monday Evening from 5 until 7.

Mr. Perkins died December 4, 2009. Mr. Perkins was a native of Mississippi. He was the son of the late Walker Wade Perkins and Etta Smith Perkins. Mr. Perkins was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Perkins

He lived most of his life in Laurel, Mississippi moving to Milledgeville in 1974. He began his career with Georgia Pacific and retired from T&S Hardwoods as Plant Supt.

Mr. Perkins began his football career with Jones County Junior College before playing for The University of Southern Mississippi. John was a member of the 1958 undefeated Golden Eagles football team giving them the College National Championship. John was drafted by the Pittsburg Steelers and was later traded to the Denver Broncos. He was an inductee of the National Junior College Sports Hall of Fame and the University of Southern Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Perkins was a Mason, Shriner, a veteran of the U.S. Marines having

served in Korea and was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Putnam County.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Martin Perkins of Milledgeville; Daughters, Kim Frels of Lufkin, TX; Kathy (Ty) Bowen of Eatonton; Cynthia (Jose) Loreda of Houston, TX; sons, Thomas (Shaoping) of Boston, MA; John (Lee) Perkins, Jr. of Gray; Bradley (Beverly) Perkins of Milledgeville; sisters, Leila (William) Zaring of Lacrosse, Wash.; Mary Ann (Bobby) Bell of Laurel, MS; Beverly (Don) Ellzey of Hattiesburg, MS; brother, Steve (Sandra) Perkins of Laurel, MS. 12 Grandchildren; 7 Great Grandchildren.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Shriners hospital for Crippled Children.

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept my condolences.##imported-begin##Milly T. Day##imported-end##*

December 09, 2009 at 02:44 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Anne Richardson##imported-end##*

December 08, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about the loss of John. He and my dad (Clint Maxey)were very good friends. My dad always spoke good of him and always looked forward to John coming to see him. We the Maxey family send our love and prayers.##imported-begin##Linda Todd##imported-end##*

December 07, 2009 at 11:56 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I came to know Mr. Perkins while working at T&S Hardwoods. In thinking of him, brings a smile. He would always stop by my office to share a piece of sugar free candy.##imported-begin##Susan Hobbs##imported-end##*

December 07, 2009 at 11:50 PM



“ *IAM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JOHN.I WORKED WITH HIM AT T&S HE WAS A GREAT BOSS.##imported-begin##BERRY ETHERIDGE##imported-end##*

December 07, 2009 at 06:34 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I new Mr. John from working with him at T&S.##imported-begin##Rhonda Vertin##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 06:24 PM



“ My thoughts, love and prayers are with each of you. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Cindy Taft##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 03:09 PM



“ Farewell old friend. It's been a long journey. Our sympathies to your family. We shall keep them ever in our prayers as you continue the voyage that God intends for you.##imported-begin##Donnie Waits (USM '56-'58)##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ I am sorry that we will be unable to join you tonight. We will plan to attend the services tomorrow at 2:00PM##imported-begin##Frank and Katheirne Estes##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:13 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Kim and Renee Jeanes##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 11:50 AM



“ Kathy, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Love ya,

Kathy###imported-begin##Kathy Tyree###imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 11:37 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I came to know John when I took a job with T&S in 1984. He gained my utmost respect over those years. My prayers are with your family.###imported-begin##Dale Hamilton###imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 10:01 AM



“ Out thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Lex & Barbara (Moseley) Mason###imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 02:00 AM



“ The world lost a great Mason, Shriner, and Golden Eagle. I thank Mr. Perkins for his service to this country. May he always be honored.###imported-begin##Shawn Foles###imported-end##

December 06, 2009 at 08:27 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I met John several years ago when I learned he lived on the Lake here and was a standout football player at Southern Miss. I played there also and really appreciated hearing stories of how it was in the old days. He was a true gentleman and a fine man. W###imported-begin###Ray Lloyd###imported-end##

December 06, 2009 at 08:17 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about John's death. Our son worked with him for many years at T&S Hardwood.##imported-begin###Huey and Bonnie Snow##imported-end##

December 05, 2009 at 07:04 PM