



Joseph Leon Perkins

March 14, 1948 - January 2, 2018

Dateline: Alton, IL

Joseph Leon Perkins, 69, passed away at 7:28 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was born March 14, 1948 in Alton the son of the late Harry Perkins and Loretta (Tavanier) Gonzales. He was a long time ICU Nurse at various hospitals; beginning with St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton, Wood River Township Hospital, Incarnate Word Hospital in St. Louis and was retired from Alton Memorial Hospital. I was given the gift of life and now I have to give it back. This is hard, but I was a lucky man who led a lucky life and for this I am grateful. When I first got sick with CHF I decided to be joyful about having a full life rather than be sad about being sick. Amazingly, this worked for me (well you know most of the time) staying busy gardening, and shopping for antiques with the love of my life Gary Sitze, all this helped me accept what I could not change. At any rate I am at peace, and on a upbeat note I have completed my journey in this life now and I will join the love of my life, my husband, Gary Sitze, my mother and father, and sister. I leave behind two brothers and four sisters, three children, Carissa Eason (Doug) of Alton, Addie Perkins (Carlo V.) of Carlinville, and Tim Perkins of East Alton, eleven grandchildren, Zachary, Abbrin (Nick), Anna, Collin, Nick, Dustin (Kiersten), Gaige, Ben, Mahala, Mika Ever, six great-grandchildren, Ashton, Evan, Eli, Zayden, Nicholas and Isabella. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until time of Memorial service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Brighton, IL. with Pastor Laura Crelly Burial

will be at Upper Alton Cemetery. Lunch will follow the burial back at St. John's United Church of Christ. Memorials may be made to St. John's United Church of Christ. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Leon Perkins*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Joseph Leon Perkins*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Carissa Eason lit a candle in memory of Joseph Leon Perkins*



Carissa Eason - January 09, 2018 at 11:09 PM



“ *He may not of been our biological brother but he was our oldest brother. We will miss him deeply. We just spoke by way of Facebook just a couple days before he passed and exchanged phone numbers. I will miss seeing his flowers that he grew and getting advice on what kind of flowers and how to take care:of them. Joe you will be missed. But I know you are in a better place. Love you*

Cynthia - January 06, 2018 at 09:59 PM

DG

“ I Did not know Joe but i heard a lot of good things about him from Gary Sitzes if Joe would have been able to travel in September i would have met him at Garys Class Reunion it Saddens me that i did'nt get to meet him

debra gaska - January 06, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Leon Perkins.



January 05, 2018 at 06:07 AM

MJ

“ We only met Joe & Gary once, but have become friends with his son, Tim and his family. So, to Tim and all the family we send our condolences. All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Marianne & Betty at Mystical Journey

Mystical Journeys - January 04, 2018 at 01:37 PM

CG

“ Joe I don't know where to begin, you were not only my brother but my friend, and I did not mind babysitting you at all. You were a lot of fun and I really liked it when we would sit and reminisce. What is helping me get through this right now is I know you are no longer in pain and you are with the love of your life, give my love to everyone, and I will see all of you again.



Carol Perkins Gaither - January 04, 2018 at 01:00 PM

SA

Forever in my heart,, love forever rest in peace kiss the family love little sis,,

Sheryl Ashmore - January 05, 2018 at 06:12 AM

MC

Joe, I hate that you are gone but I am glad you are not in pain anymore. You are with the love of your life. I miss you dearly. My heart hurts because your gone. I have to remind myself that I there are no more visits or phone calls. I was not done loving you. Tomorrow will be tough, but I get through it knowing you are not in anymore pain. RIP my sweet brother.

Margaret Clark - January 05, 2018 at 04:40 PM

SA

Joe was a daily dose of life for me and to tell you the truth my coffee won't taste the same without you. You put up with my crazy antics. I was always trying to make you laugh. It worked most of the time. We miss you Joe with tears in eyes. Our friendship isn't over it's evolved into an eternal friendship the best kind. Rest in peace Joe

Steven and Andrew - January 12, 2018 at 12:23 AM

MD

“ *Joe was one of my best friends in grade school. He was an usher when I got married. I had lost touch with him, but am sorry to hear of his passing. Mike Daech*

Mike Daech - January 04, 2018 at 11:13 AM

PC

“ *Perry Clouse lit a candle in memory of Joseph Leon Perkins*



perry clouse - January 04, 2018 at 07:16 AM



“ *Shonda Perkins Jones lit a candle in memory of Joseph Leon Perkins*



Shonda Perkins Jones - January 04, 2018 at 07:00 AM



I will miss you Uncle Joe!! You will be missed by so many!! My heart breaks!

Shonda Perkins Jones - January 04, 2018 at 07:03 AM



“ *Dad I love and miss you so much..you are a great dad..it was a honor for me to take care of you for the last 6 weeks..You are forever in my heart daddy I'm having a hard time with you not here*



Carissa-Doug Eason - January 04, 2018 at 06:18 AM



“ *Joe was a special friend and brother. We could sit and talk for hours. Gary would get bored with "shop talk" and go back to his quilts while Joe and I talked about our ICU days. He missed nursing so much when he had to retire! Joe never met a family member that didn't love him and trust in his skill. We also both shared a deep love of our Lord and Savior. I will never forget his laugh, his mischevous grin, or his home where all were welcome. I look forward to spending eternity with Joe one of these days in that beautiful place that is prepared for each of us. RIP Joe. Your work is done and the rewards are just starting! ENJOY!!!*

Kay Farris - January 04, 2018 at 04:16 AM

VF

“ Valerie Furlow lit a candle in memory of Joseph Leon Perkins



valerie furlow - January 03, 2018 at 09:52 PM

VF

In memory of my cousin, Joe. I love you with all my heart and want to say rest in peace my friend. Give Gary a hug and I want you to know how much I had enjoyed our visit. Wanted to visit again, but you left too soon. But I know your in a better place now. Tell my dad (hi) too. Know that everyone will be looking to the skies for all of you. Love ya, Valerie Furlow, your cuz.

valerie furlow - January 03, 2018 at 09:56 PM

SS

“ Sweet Joe how I remember our younger days going to school together and sharing time with you and your children when they were babies you were always a great friend and you will be missed

sherrill sabo - January 03, 2018 at 08:11 PM