



Robert H. Perkins

March 18, 1922 - January 10, 2017

Robert H. Perkins, 94, of Marion, died at 2:30AM Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the VA Medical Center CLC Unit in Marion.

He was born March 18, 1922 in Chicago, IL, the son of Leonard Miller and Mildred Agnes (Denny) Perkins. He married Martha E. Heath on May 27, 1943. She preceded him in death on October 24, 2000.

Robert worked an assortment of jobs ranging from the C. B.&O. Railroad in his early years, GTE Phone Company, and Memco Mining Supply. His favorite employment being he and his wife owning and operating Perkins Grocery on Eagle Point Bay at Lake of Egypt. He was a hard working man who always provided food on the table, clothes on their back, and a roof over his family's head. The mark of a truly successful man.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1939 to 1941 and again in 1943-1945. He served as a RDM 3 (Radar Man) on LSM 263. He also served on USS St. Louis on 5 inch guns, Seaman 2nd Class as well as on the USS Helm being decorated with 5 Medals:

WWII, Asia Occupation, American Defense, Asiatic Pacific, American

Campaign

and 2 Bronze Stars.

Robert was an avid Cubs fan having been recently honored on the VA Medical Center website. He also loved college football and Nascar racing.

He is survived by 5 children; Robert Perkins, Martha Jennings, Jack Perkins, Mick(Karen)Perkins and Susan Perkins. 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, wife and step-father Mack Woodark.

Graveside services for Robert H. Perkins will be Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 1PM

at Cana Cemetery with Pastor Danny Boyd officiating. Military honors will be conducted by Herrin VFW Post#1567, American Legion and Navy Funeral Honors Burial Detail.

Memorial contributions may be made to VA Medical Center CLC Unit in Marion and will be accepted at the cemetery and funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Graveside

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Egyptian Chapel

Hwy 148 just north of Illinois 13, next to the Williamson County Airport

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Energy, IL 62933

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert H. Perkins*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *What an honor to have met Mr. Perkins and have him as a Veteran at the Marion VA. He was a joy to speak with and one of the best days of my career was spent with him and the tv crews interviewing him about the Cubs and the World Series. Thanks to Jack for always being there and the kind words about our staff. The Marion VA is honored to have been able to care for him. Our condolences to you and the entire Perkins family.*

Beth Lamb

b lamb - January 12, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Robert H. Perkins.*



January 12, 2017 at 12:54 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss he will be missed dearly I remember growing up across the street from him on Eagle Point Bay he was a very kind man!!!!*

Amanda Wagner - January 12, 2017 at 07:37 AM

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if you ever had the opportunity to meet this family you would understand just how loved this man was. The perkins family is one of kind that I have had the opportunity to know and love they always greeted me with a smile and kindness. So that being said I would like to say job well done with your family the definition of kindness and love should hold your name sir Rest In Peace Robert you will be missed

Eric - January 14, 2017 at 12:33 PM