



Dale Lamar Perkins

May 12, 1954 - November 20, 2023

Dale Lamar Perkins, whose journey began on May 12, 1954, in Satellite Beach, Florida, left an indelible mark on the world. His life, a vibrant tapestry of experiences and love, concluded on November 20, 2023, in Powell, Ohio. Born to Cloyce and Lorena “Jan” Perkins, Dale grew up amidst the bustling energy of a large family, alongside siblings Susan, Daniel, Dennis, Sandra, Donald, Dwayne, and Edward.

Dale's life was defined by his steadfast commitment to service and duty. Enlisting in the Army in March 1975, he served with distinction as a tank crewman and supervising recruiter until he received an honorable discharge in March 1981. These formative years honed his resilience and character, qualities he carried throughout his life.

In 1976, Dale's heart connected with Cindy Rudolph, and their union brought forth children Michael and Christina Perkins. Although their paths diverged, this chapter of his life was rich with love and growth.

Michael fondly recalls moments spent with his father. Saturdays were often spent immersed in a world of cartoons, a simple yet valued ritual. Dale introduced Michael to the art of fishing, a skill that intertwined patience with the joy of a catch. Their conversations, often playfully interrupted by the distractions of a TV show, resumed once the commercials began. Bonding

over weekend Blockbuster rentals and dining out became shared adventures. Together, they tackled car repairs and house projects, creating not just solutions but memories. A highlight for Michael was mastering chess, a game where he finally outplayed his father, and learning to ride a motorcycle under Dale's guidance. These moments, rich in learning and laughter, remain Michael's valued memories of time spent with his father.

In 1990, a new chapter unfolded in Dale's life when he met Pamela Alexander. Their partnership quickly flourished, evolving into a life abundant with dancing, love, and steadfast mutual support. Dale wholeheartedly embraced Pamela's children, Kelly and Jenny, fostering a harmonious family dynamic. He played a significant role in their journey to adulthood, offering guidance and support throughout the many chapters of their lives.

Dale, affectionately known as "PaDale," deeply valued his role as a grandfather and actively participated in his grandchildren's lives. His commitment to Jesse and Jamie was apparent from their infancy, beginning with weekend babysitting and progressing into providing guidance and assistance in many small, yet significant ways, as they grew into young adults. Jamie fondly recalls a specific journey with Dale from Texas to Arkansas to visit Grandma Pam, a trip Dale made when Kelly was unavailable. She will always value his readiness to listen, offer advice, and solve problems. For Elaina, Alexander, and Benjamin, Dale was a constant and supportive figure. He was involved in their daily lives, regularly sharing breakfast, transporting them to various extracurricular activities, and providing steadfast support. Dale's relationship with Connor and Trenton was highlighted by joyful experiences, including beach outings and a memorable trip to Universal Studios. These activities were more than just recreational; they were opportunities to forge lasting connections and create valued memories.

Dale's generosity and willingness to help others were central to his

personality. He was industrious, dedicated, and always ready to offer assistance when necessary. His sense of humor often shone through in his lighthearted teasing. Dale stood energetically resolute in his beliefs and convictions. Within his family, he was a trusted advisor, providing practical guidance for life's numerous "adulting" challenges.

In the automotive industry, Dale's career was notable for its consistent honesty. He was committed to meeting his customers' needs while upholding ethical standards. As a service manager, Dale's work ethic, steadfast support for his employer, and commitment to achieving customer satisfaction truly represented the essence of a hardworking American.

Dale's enduring legacy is carried forward by his spouse Pamela, his children Michael and his wife Peggy, Christina, Kelly and her partner Morgan, Jenny and her husband Adam, and his valued grandchildren Connor, Trenton, Jesse, Jamie, Elaina, Alexander, and Benjamin. His life, exemplified by duty, resilience, loyalty, and a deep commitment to family, leaves a lasting impact beyond valued memories. His life lessons continue to resonate and inspire those he touched. We lovingly remember and celebrate Dale, an extraordinary man who was not only a devoted father and grandfather but also a valued partner and an exemplary American.

Services will be held on Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 at Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 W. Olentangy Street, Powell, OH. Viewing is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A wake will follow at the residence of Jenny Barker.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **28**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV **28**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dale Lamar Perkins*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - November 28, 2023 at 10:54 AM

SD

“ *Dale will be truly missed. He was a great brother and a good man. May he always be remembered with a smile and much love. Love you always, Sister Susan Drummond*

Susan Drummond - November 29, 2023 at 01:01 PM

RF

“ *It was always so good to have Dale sitting at the table in the family gatherings at restaurants around Lansing. He shared his life's good events with us. Sorry for his passing. We are praying that you will feel comfort and love from family and friends to help soften your sadness. Ron/ Maggie Fuller*

Ron Fuller - November 28, 2023 at 09:53 AM

LC

“ *Pam, I'm so sorry we won't be able to attend Dale's funeral. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Linda Cwiek*

Linda Cwiek - November 27, 2023 at 11:11 PM

TL

“ Dale left a big impression on us when he and his wife moved across the street from us. He was so warm and friendly to us from the first time he waved at us and came over for a chat. We felt very sad when they moved away but was nicely surprised when he returned months later to say hi. Such a kind man and a great neighbor! Now we are heartbroken to hear of his passing. We send our deepest condolences to Pam and the rest of his family.

Tim & Lee - November 27, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.



November 27, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.



November 27, 2023 at 12:48 PM

SP

“ So very thankful that us cousins in Michigan had the pleasure of Dale's company at some of our "aunt/cousin" lunches in recent years. My heart and prayers go out to Pam and his entire family. Sharon Perkins



Sharon Perkins - November 26, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.*



November 26, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.*



November 26, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.*



November 26, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ *Daniel Perkins and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dale Lamar Perkins.*

Daniel Perkins and family - November 26, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.*



November 25, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Dale Lamar Perkins, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, Dale Lamar Perkins, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl J Skinner Tri-State Military Muse - November 25, 2023 at 07:04 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.



November 24, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Dale Lamar Perkins.



November 24, 2023 at 07:06 PM