



Zacharias James Perkins

March 27, 1954 - July 2, 2020

Funeral Services for Zacharias Perkins will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 with INVITATION ONLY. This Service will be recorded and streamed live. In the event the service is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire service will be uploaded and available for viewing at this same link later in the day. Please copy and paste to share the link or simply click on the link to view the service.

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God gifted our family with the life of Zacharias James Perkins on March 27, 1954. Zacharias was the second son and ninth and youngest child born to the union of the late Inez DuCloux Perkins and Charles Lorenzo Perkins. The family home, located at 558 Bizzell Ave., was filled with much love with seven girls and two boys, and in later years, numerous grandchildren. Zacharias was affectionally know as Zach to friends and KK to family.

Zach spent his early years in the city of his birth, Mobile, Alabama, where he attended Heart of Mary School, graduating from McGill-Toolen High School in 1973. He then attended Spring Hill College, where he was a member of the basketball team. His other interests during that era were martial arts and music. He was united in holy matrimony to Harriette McElderry on July 9,

1983, and together they relocated to New Orleans, Louisiana, Knoxville, Tennessee and ultimately settled in Stone Mountain, Georgia where they raised their only daughter, Brittany. Zach loved his family and had a special bond with his granddaughter Sydney. Zach had a great sense of humor and their home was frequently filled with much laughter and running jokes. He loved the beauty of the outdoors and took comfort in quiet and still places. He was known to slip away, even during family gatherings, to find solitude and indulge in a favorite pastime, silent reflection.

Zach worked in various industries including as a veterinary medicine tech for Crossroads Animal Clinic in Knoxville, Tennessee, and later at CNN Center in Atlanta, Georgia. After retirement, he continued to work part time at Farmers Insurance in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a dedicated worker known for his ever calm and friendly disposition.

Zach loved God with his whole heart and his greatest joy was his spiritual calling. He committed his life to Christ and has been a devout Seventh-Day Adventist since the mid 1980's. He worked earnestly to share his love of God and his faith with family, friends and everyone he encountered. He read and studied his bible with much joy and enthusiasm. He loved to minister to others by sharing bible literature or engaging in conversation, or in-depth bible studies. He was known to leave literature in public places for people to discover. But more than that, he was a living example of God's love and loved sharing his testimony with others. Zach was a member of Tucker-Norcross Free Seventh-Day Adventist Church and served diligently as an Elder until his passing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 reads, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". Of Zacharias this was true.

He was called to rest on July 1, 2020. Although his passing was sudden, Zach

lived a life of spiritual preparedness as though each day could have been the last, and frequently asked loved ones, “Are you ready?” He looked forward to seeing his family and friends on that Great Day.

Zach leaves to cherish his memory and continue his legacy his loving and devoted family – wife, Harriette, daughter, Brittany, granddaughter, Sydney, mother-in-law Gwendolyn Bonham, and sister-in-law, Carolyn Rhodes; eight siblings, Betty Ann Bracy (Willie d.) of Mobile, Alabama, Barbara Jean Dudley (John) of Silver Spring, MD, Anniece Wine (Paul) of Las Vegas, NV, Celeste Harden (Eddie d.) of Oxford, MS, Georgia Suggs (Bill) of Mobile, Alabama, Charles Perkins Jr. (Viletta) of Mobile, Alabama, Patricia Randolph (Hilrey) of Knoxville, TN, and Jeniffer Lay (Eddie) of New Orleans, LA; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends. Zacharias James Perkins, 66, of Stone Mountain, GA passed Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., SOUTH DEKALB CHAPEL 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, GA 30034. 404-241-5656. Please express your condolences here on our website. *** DUE TO COVID-19 A MASK WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING ***

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“ We send our sincere condolences to Harriette, Brittany, Sydney, and the Perkins family. KK has been a dear close friend to me since grade school. We shared many life experiences beginning in grade school at Most Pure Heart of Mary, through high school at McGill-Toolen, and into college at Spring Hill in Mobile, AL. KK was like a brother. Reminiscing, there is so much to tell; but I know its only possible to share just a few memories. I cherish every memory I have of my dear friend KK.

We played sports together in grade school at Heart of Mary. We transitioned from Heart of Mary to McGill-Toolen, where KK played basketball. We participated in the regular high school activities and searched for employment during the Summers.

During the Summer after our Junior year at McGill-Toolen, we began searching for Summer jobs. KK was instrumental in me receiving my first job. The following Summer after graduation we both worked for the same construction company.

KK attended Spring Hill College on a basketball scholarship. As a result of KK's efforts in landing us the Summer construction jobs; I was afforded the opportunity to attend Spring Hill College also.

KK was also a groomsman in our wedding and has always been a dear close friend whom I will remember forever. He remains in my heart, and you and the family will remain in our prayers. Sincerely, and may God be with you always.

Chip and Francine

Chip Pettaway - July 10, 2020 at 06:01 PM

MC

“ My Deepest condolences to my McGill-Toolen Alumni family the Perkins. Harriette you have a beautiful family stay strong hold tight to your memories. Our basketball alumni brother who open doors for us will always be remembered as McGill #72 KK RIP, 🙏🏻👼 and fly with the Angel's.



Myron Collins - July 08, 2020 at 10:35 PM

DT

“ KK & I grew up together. We would always visit his grandparents house for those Pears. Love to talk about solitude & life. What a God given person He was. Debbie Grant

Debbie Grant Taylor - July 08, 2020 at 10:23 PM

HT

“ I did not know Mr Perkins very well; however, I wish to share condolences to the family, especially wife Harriette, daughter Brittany and Granddaughter Sydney.

God be with you all during the trying time.

Harriett Taylor - July 08, 2020 at 04:43 PM

BB

“ To my brother, friend, and teammate nothing but love who always showed perseverance and strength and support for himself and others. May he RIP love Bo Brown and family. Heart of Mary and McGill institute 72/73.

Bo Brown - July 08, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ You always had time for us Kids in the neighborhood....made us feel special, made us feel like we mattered and for that I will love you forever my Big Brother KK.

From all the kids on Basil Street that you made smile.....Thank you and we love you KK

Nikk Taylor - July 08, 2020 at 02:53 PM

EK

“ Bro. Zach was a quiet beautiful soul. May God comfort his family in their time of need and bring peace into their hearts. I will always have his smile in my memories from youth till forever. God Bless.
Eliya King

Eliya King - July 08, 2020 at 07:36 AM

LW

“ LW
Lottie Walker
5 days ago
My deep sorrows for each of you on the loss of your sweet, Christian husband, dad, and granddad. He meant so much to so many beyond you three because he was simply an example of our loving and meek Jesus in the flesh. By God's everlasting graces, mercies and love, He will strengthen you, all the family and all who love "dear Zack" as we go through memorializing him at this time of such a great big loss in our lives! Love and Prayers, Lottie Walker



Lottie Walket - July 07, 2020 at 10:47 PM

AC

My deepest sympathies to you Harriet, Brittany, Sydney, the Perkins family and friends. Elder Zach was truly a man after God's own heart; he shared the good news by literature and giving a testimony to anyone that listened. He was a humble man, always doing good for others, never complaining. His life was a blessing to witness, especially how he spent quality time with Brittany and Sydney. Indeed it was a blessing to have known him as a brother in the Faith. My the peace of God rest with all. My we encouraged by ElderZach's life to continue on in the Faith and see him in the special resurrection.

Annette Lyles/Tucker-Norcross Free SDA C - July 08, 2020 at 09:30 AM

PP

My family count it a special blessing to have known this humble man Zack for many years. God's peace and blessings on all his family. Thank God we shall see him again soon.

Paula Peters - July 08, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MB

Elder Zack was a true gift from God to us. We will miss him but his sweet smile and humble spirit will live on in our memories until we meet again. Cheer up Family God is in control.

Marcia Brown - July 08, 2020 at 01:01 PM

DT

Shocked to find out that a great brother and friend has gone home to be with the Lord. May Zach's soul continue to rest on in the Lord. He was a great brother that was not ashamed of the gospel. Ever helpful, kind and talked about his three queens—Harriet, Brittany and Sydney. May the beautiful family he left behind be comforted. It is well.

DesireeT Tisdol - November 05, 2023 at 11:55 AM

DC

“*Elder Zack Perkins was a special friend of Desmond and Debbie Smith. Working together at church and at CNN. We will see him again for he love the Lord and was prepared. We will will be to. D babies Smith*

Debbie Smith TNFSDA Church - July 07, 2020 at 06:21 PM

DC

Debbie Smith

Debbie Smith TNFSDA Church - July 07, 2020 at 06:22 PM

RW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you Harriet and Brittany, and the Perkins Family. KK will truly be missed may he Rest In Heavenly Peace 💔 Renée, Meagan and D.J.*

Renee Booker Walker - July 07, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Zacharias James Perkins.*



July 07, 2020 at 04:48 PM

GP

“ *Zack worked next to our office. Whenever we saw Zack he was always pleasant and God fearing. To Harriett, Brittany, you have our condolences. Your are in our prayers.*

Gale Pride - July 07, 2020 at 04:44 PM

WM

“ We came from God...
And God awaits for us to return...

K. K. Perkins was a true “Renaissance Man “ and Everyman. He welcomed everyone and always made them comfortable.

Our friendship included classes, victory parties after basketball games, museum and art exhibits, sporting events, music concerts, philosophy and religious debates, visits to many houses of worship, exchanging and recommending books, visiting various bookstores, movies, reading historical and political papers, attending numerous Mardi Gras events ranging from tuxedo and gowns to truck tailgating on parade routes.

When K. K. met Harriette it was a true Love Story. They put each other first and everything came together. With Brittany they became a family of one. One love for the ages.

Knowing Christ in our hearts, we will feast forever when we meet in the kingdom.

You remain always in our hearts.

Wayne and Deborah

Wayne Matchett - July 07, 2020 at 04:42 PM

TB

“ *The Powells: Bill, Mirian, Aftan & Billy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Zacharias James Perkins.*



The Powells: Bill, Mirian, Aftan & Billy - July 07, 2020 at 03:19 PM

ML

“ *My heart breaks for Harriet, Brittany and the family. Zach was the sweetest, kindest person I had the pleasure to work with at TBS. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. I will make an apple pie in your memory Zach, That was always his request when I baked and shared with the team. Zach you will be truly missed but I know you are in Gods graces and now an angel watching over us all. Bless all of you.*



Melinda Langford - July 06, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Zacharias James Perkins.*



July 05, 2020 at 10:10 AM

WW

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Harriet and all of Zach's family . KK always greeted you with a glowing spirit . In high school , playing sports , he taught me perseverance and resilience , as he fought through various injuries , but was always ready for game time where he shined bright .*

Walter White - July 04, 2020 at 08:48 PM

DF

To all of K.K's family and friends I wish to express my sincere sorrow for your loss.

I played varsity basketball with K.K. at McGill Institute In Mobile during the 70's.

He was one of our fans favorite players as he worked so hard every day and every game. He knew no limits at games and at practice. We were very fortunate to have him as a teammate, friend, and brother.

I speak for all of our teammates when I tell you K.K. will not be forgotten.

*Warmly,
Dennis P. Fobes
aka Mad Dog*

Dennis Fobes - July 06, 2020 at 02:53 PM

TE

“ Today was our first day back into the church building and I missed greeting Elder Zach as Elder “Zzzz” and he would reply “Sister T”. Everywhere I looked were memories of Elder Zach... on the pew in the front row ...in the kitchen coming back for seconds...walking around after lunch - not to proud to discard empty plates for others.

My phone would ring and it would be strangers he had given my number to to help in any way he thought I could. Elder Zach’s Personal Ministry leadership and committed efforts will be missed and treasured.

Elder Zach was so determined to get me to lead out with Wednesday prayer meeting that his commitment to the prayer meeting efforts encouraged me even the more to join the Holy forces to do so.

I could go on about Elder Zach and our spiritual bond on the jail ministry, passing out tracks downtown, house communions to the sick and shut in...and moments with his Bestie Larry Hayes. However, I’ll end and say,.. some people you will take memories of them with you throughout your walks of life and look to meet up with them in That Great Getting Up Morning.

Sincerely,
Tracey Ellis

Tracey Ellis - July 04, 2020 at 08:37 PM

DM

Love and God strength during this difficult time Bruh and family. Love, Dr. Moss and your loving Sis.
Clarksville, TN

Dr. Michael and Mrs. Trina Kinney Moss - July 08, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ My condolences to you and your family for the loss of one of the nicest, meekest, and kindest persons that I’ve ever had the pleasure of knowing. He served the Lord and was strong in his Christian walk. My heart is heavy as I was shocked to hear of his passing. May the love of God bring you peace and comfort. Elder Zack will be greatly missed by many. Annie Robinson

Ann Robinson - July 03, 2020 at 04:55 PM

JP

“ To Harriette, Brittany and Family. I am at a lost for words. I just got off the phone and I immediately came to this page because even though you told me, my mind still didn't want it to be true. As I stated, when we are at a lost for words, instead of saying all the wrong things, or not knowing what to say, I will just say what Jesus said in His Word. Philippians 4:6-7 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. My heart and prayers are with you. I love you much! 🙏🙏🙏

Janice Grant Pierce - July 02, 2020 at 10:49 PM

LW

My deep sorrows for each of you on the loss of your sweet, Christian husband, dad, and granddad. He meant so much to so many beyond you three because he was simply an example of our loving and meek Jesus in the flesh. By God’s everlasting graces, mercies and love, He will strengthen you, all the family and all who love “dear Zack” as we go through memorializing him at this time of such a great big loss in our lives! Love and Prayers, Lottie Walker

Lottie Walker - July 03, 2020 at 08:51 AM

JK

Harriette, I was saddened to hear of K.K's passing and I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. I'm sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.

I've known KK most of my life, we grew up three streets apart (The Bottom) in Mobile, Alabama. We also attended the same College and were basketball teammates at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. KK loved the game of basketball and you could see it when he was on the court. He was a very determined and aggressive defensive player which motivated his teammates to do their best. KK was not only my teammate but a friend as well.

I will always have fond memories of our basketball time together. KK will forever be in my heart and I will continue to speak his name. May He Rest In Peace!

Sincerely,

John D. King, Jr.

aka "Fishman"

Columbia, South Carolina

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John King - July 09, 2020 at 02:07 PM

SC

So sorry to hear this news today...my sisters and I always loved to see him when we visited Mobile (Pam's little cousins). He would play with us.. climbed on his legs because he was so tall. Sending love and condolences to the family.

Sonya Curtis - July 11, 2020 at 09:15 PM