



Jerry Ross Perkins

April 12, 1941 - September 29, 2011

Jerry Ross Perkins, a 42-year resident of Murfreesboro, Tennessee was born April 12th 1941 in Steelville, Missouri and died in his home on September 29th, 2011 in Murfreesboro surrounded by family.

Jerry attended the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati on a University Honor Scholarship. While there he received both the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. Subsequently, he earned a doctorate degree at Boston University. He was a professor at Middle Tennessee State University for over 40 years in the School of Music both as Professor of Music and Head of the Piano Faculty. Additionally, he was co-founder of the Stones River Chamber Players and served as artistic director.

Jerry made his professional debut as a concert pianist at New York's Town Hall. His professional career included playing Carnegie Recital Hall as well as concerts throughout the United States and Europe

In addition to his performing, Jerry took tremendous joy and pride as a teacher whose students have won many competitions, have been accepted into graduate schools throughout the country, and are themselves, in many cases, teachers.

He was an example of what a good father, a good friend, and a good man

should be.

He is survived by his son Curt of Nashville, Tennessee; son Eliot of Occoquan, Virginia and partner Jon Howard of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his father Curtis Perkins and his mother Bernice Perkins who resided in Steelville, Missouri.

A visitation will be held Saturday October 8th from 3-5 p.m in Murfreesboro at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Parish Hall. A Memorial Service will follow from 5-5:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary. He will be buried alongside his parents in Steelville, Missouri.

The family suggests memorials be sent to:

Jerry Perkins Memorial Scholarship Fund
MTSU Foundation
PO Box 109
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Ross Perkins*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *I studied with Dr. Perkins in the later 1980s. He was a good fellow!*

Andrew T Przybyla - July 22, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Jerry was my mothers cousin and I remember that he always had a smile and a kind word for me and my cousins when we were in Steelville visiting our grandparents. I will always fond memories of him.*

Randy Scofield - October 13, 2011 at 02:01 PM



“ *To Eliot and The Perkin's Family, We were saddened to hear of your loss and wanted to express our deepest sympathy. Eliot, we are sure your father brought as much joy to others as you have brought to Sarah and our family. We hope it helps to know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Sarah Schaidle and Family*

Sarah Schaidle and Family - October 08, 2011 at 10:37 PM

JM

“ Curt & Eliot,

I'm so sorry for your loss.....your dad was a wonderful teacher and mentor to me. The hours and days we spent together when I was his student remain some of my most formative memories - he was, and remains, a blessing.

God be with you during this time.....

Jarrett

Jarrett Millsaps - October 07, 2011 at 02:11 PM

KA

“ Eliot:

So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. On behalf of the BRYC 97 Elite Blue team, players and families, please accept our condolences. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

Kara Anderson - October 05, 2011 at 02:09 AM

WB

“ *My best memory of my cousin Jerry is having him play the piano for me. Although we did not spend a lot of time together in person, he has always held a special place in my heart. My prayers go out to all of those he loved and had the good fortune to have known him.*

Wendy Bailey - October 04, 2011 at 09:20 PM

RF

“ Dear Eliot,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Rustia Family - October 04, 2011 at 07:00 PM

CD

“ Eliot: Very sorry about the passing of your father, Jerry. Please accept our condolences on behalf of the BRYC 97 Elite White players and families. May your Dad rest in peace.

Chris Donohue - October 04, 2011 at 04:52 PM

RR

“ Coach Eliot our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Rita Robinson - October 04, 2011 at 10:53 AM

PF

“ Dear Curt ...

We write to give our condolences for the death of your father, Jerry, we feel a great sorrow ... He was a great guy!

You know you can count on us for anything you need, do not hesitate to ask, there are bad times and we are friends for anything.

Reiterating our condolences and giving you a big hug.

Kim, Indi, Avalon & Juan Pont Lezica

Pont Lezica Family - October 04, 2011 at 02:32 AM

BS

“ *My cousin, Jerry, has been in my memories since his birth--he was a constant visitor at my parents home and there was many a time that my sister and I baby sat for him. He has always had a special place in my heart and will be missed.*

Bernice Gravatt Scofield - October 03, 2011 at 11:58 AM

SM

“ *Eliot,*

I'm sorry to learn about your loss. May you, Heather and your family find peace and comfort in those around you and the many positive memories you have.

Scotty Maddox - October 02, 2011 at 11:34 PM

SB

“ *A wonderful sweet man. Sorry I didn't have more time to know him better. Thoughts and sympathy to dearest Jon.*

Stan Birdwell - October 02, 2011 at 09:37 PM

BR

“ *Dear Eliot, the Rhineharts are so sorry for your loss. We have prayed God's grace and comfort upon you, Heather, and your family.*

Bob, Leslie.Maddy & Robert Rhinehart - October 02, 2011 at 07:36 PM

LK

“ *Very dear Jon, Curt, Elliot, Virginia and other family of Jerry,*

Our deepest condolences on the loss of a good man, of a good friend. May he rest in peace, and may all of you find soon courage, consolation and good energy. Jerry will live long in our hearts. We were very fortunate to have him in our lives.

With lots of love,

Leo and Anne-Marie.

Leopoldo Erice (Leo) and Anne-Marie Keighan - October 02, 2011 at 05:14 AM