



Donald Perry

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Donald M. Perry, 85, Decatur, died Sunday, November 13, 2011, at Decatur Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Donald was born August 5, 1926 in rural southwest Shelby County, between Pana and Oconee, to William Ray and Elsie Hill Perry. He attended grade school at Mount Pleasant and graduated from Oconee Grade School. He attended high school at Oconee and Pana and graduated from Wilmington, IL.

A proud veteran of the U.S. Army, Donald honorably served as a combat infantryman in the European theater of operations. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns as well as an Army of Occupation medal with Germany clasp, a Combat Infantry badge, American Campaign medal, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal.

He completed his basic training at Fort Hood, TX in the fall of 1944. His training was shortened because of the Battle of the Bulge, and he was sent overseas in January of 1945, was discharged in June 1946, and later served four years in the Navy Reserves.

Donald moved to Decatur in August 1946 to attend Brown's Business College and later attended Millikin University. He met Isabelle McCormick on November 17, 1946, and they married 17 months later on April 17, 1948. Original members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Donald was an active member, serving as an usher for many years, and was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was employed for 38 years at A.W. Cash Valve Manufacturing Corp, retiring in 1993 as Vice President of Administration. During his retirement, he was active as a volunteer for Cancer Care, Dove, Catholic Charities, and Meals on Wheels. He was also a VA courier and a member of the Golden K. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was a great admirer and self-taught historian of Abraham Lincoln.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Isabelle, six children: Dianne Ford Jay Ambrosini of Decatur, Teresa Frank Milburn of Seattle, WA, Elizabeth Matters of



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Minneapolis, MN, Joseph Janet Perry of Decatur, Christine Perry of Washington, IN, and Corrine Mike McClanahan of Cottonwood, AZ. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren: Amy Josh Tell, Jason Patti Themer, Kevin Natalie Perry, Drew and Reed Matters, Megan Denton McAlister, David Milburn, Joel Kate Melby, and Hannah Melby; and five great grandchildren: Kayla, Kenna, and Kassie Themer, Landon Perry, and Jackson McAlister; sister, Mary Louise Syfert of Medford, OR. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Joseph Perry, a sister, Evelyn Perry, one daughter, Ann Marie Perry, and one great granddaughter, Madelyn McAlister.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. when a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated, Rev. Richard Weltin celebrant. Burial with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard will be in Graceland Cemetery.

The Perry family is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, honored provider of Veterans Funeral Care, 2801 N. Monroe St., Decatur, IL 62526. Online memories and condolences can be shared at www.moranandgoebel.com.



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DS

David Sherwood posted:

I was sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Rockingham, NC US

November 20 at 7:00 PM

MS

Moira Sanborn posted:

Dear Teresa, Sending our condolences to you and your family during this sad time. What a special man your father was, and how proud you must be of all that he has accomplished throughout his life! You are in our thoughts and prayers...Love, Moira and Nathan Houston, TX US

November 16 at 7:00 PM

MM

Megan, Denton, & Jackson Mcalister posted:

Grandfather, Your legacy will live on through your Great Grandson Jackson, who is already a tall boy with a kind spirit just like you. I will take care of Grandmother and Jackson and you hold on to Madelyn and Ann Marie. We love you so much and missed you the moment you were gone. Houston, TX US

November 16 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jane Milburn posted:

Isabelle and family My sincere condolence during this sad and difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Lake Jackson, TX US

November 14 at 7:00 PM

BM

Bill Morgan posted:

I am very sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Washington, IN US

November 14 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jerry And Dawn Starnes posted:

Chris Sorry for your loss. Jasper, IN US

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RM

Reed & Melissa Maddox posted:

Chris, Sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time. May God bless. Oaktown, IN US

November 14 at 7:00 PM

LB

Lynette Bang posted:

Chris, So sorry to hear about your loss. We are thinking about you and your family in your time of need. Rockingham, NC US

November 14 at 7:00 PM

SP

Susan Painter posted:

Don will truly be missed from the Lake Shore Connection. He was a very warm and friendly person. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Isabelle and his family. Decatur, IL US

November 14 at 7:00 PM

RF

Raymond Bond Family posted:

So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to your entire family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you, especially today. Pana, IL US

November 14 at 7:00 PM

TM

Tabatha Milligan posted:

My sincerest condolences are with your family at this time of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless. Salisbury, MD US

November 14 at 7:00 PM

JB

Jackie Baker posted:

I would like to express my condolences to Chris and her family. There is nothing I can say to make the hurt or pain go away. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Washington, IN US

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DP

Dennis& Audrey Perry posted:

Sorry that Audrey and I can't be there with you but you are in our thoughts and prayers.He was a big help to me during my fathers illness and it was greatly appreciated.I really enjoyed my visit with him in Sept. Elizabeth, WV US

November 13 at 7:00 PM

MM

Monty And Ellen Mize posted:

Chris, Hannah, Joel, and family-We are so sorry to hear this news. Even when we think we might be prepared, losing a loved one is never easy. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.Monty and Ellen Vincennes, IN US

November 13 at 7:00 PM

SD

Sylvia And Jack Dougherty posted:

Dear Izzy,We want to express to you and your family our deepest sympathy on the death of Don. He was a true gentleman and we will miss him. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Decatur, IL US

November 12 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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