

CPT James M. Perkins

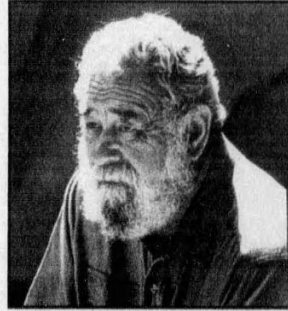
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James M. Perkins, son of Mrs. Rhea Perkins, 75 Parkway, has been promoted to the grade of corporal while stationed at Camp Cooke, Calif.

Jim Perkins

OAKVIEW, CA

James Maynard Perkins peacefully passed away March 22, surrounded by his family. Jim was born February 17, 1930 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the third child of John and Rhea Perkins. Jim lived a typical Wisconsin boyhood before enlisting in the US Army. He served in California, Okinawa and Japan, and after Officer Cadet School was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1952. The same year he married his first wife, Shirley Dempsey, and departed to Korea to serve as an artillery officer. Post-Korea he gained a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin (1958); before beginning a civilian engineering career with the US Navy at Point Mugu following graduation.



Jim loved his thirty years at Point Mugu. He succeeded through various managerial positions, working with missiles, managing the construction of test facilities, fostering enduring relationships with a diverse cast of characters, and occasionally getting opportunities to blow things up.

Along the way Jim and Shirley raised four children: Mark, Nancy, Chris and Pam; a whole flock of dogs, cats, and the occasional obscure pet, as well as mentored the many friends their children brought home. Shirley died in 1985, and Jim married Amy Dewolfe in 1991, in the process embracing two more children, Adrienne and Kevin.

While Jim was an engineer's engineer, it was not his full identity. He coached Little League and soccer teams, helped build churches and a pre-school, taught Sunday school, mentored church youth groups, served as president of his local church, volunteered as a mentor with the California Youth Authority, supervised construction of Habitat For Humanity homes, was a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, and served on Ojai's Municipal Advisory Committee.

Jim was a woodworker, painter, and sculptor, and never happier than when making sawdust in his workshop. He loved good food, conversation, art, music, books, films, and hearing and telling stories. But most of all he loved his extended family, and never missed opportunities to share and celebrate their lives.

Jim was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley, his parents, John and Rhea, and siblings Patricia and Robert. He is survived by his wife, Amy, sons Mark (Celine) Perkins, Chris (Magda) Perkins, Kevin Dewolfe, daughters Nancy (Bob) Alford, Pam (Eamonn) O'Donovan and Adrienne Dewolfe (Larry Siegel), a brother, Almer Perkins, thirteen awesome grandchildren: Jessica, Jennifer, John, Molly, Jordanne, James, Nick, Spencer, Liam, Ian, Sarah, William and Joah; and three delightful great-grandchildren: Travell, Traelyn, and Destiny. The family wishes to profoundly thank Jim's wonderful nurses and caregivers, Rosie, Linda, Carol, Jeanette, Keri, Adi, and Frank. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at Ojai Presbyterian Church Friday, April 1, 2016, at 10:00 AM. Private interment will follow at a later date. Memorials preferred to Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association, Ojai's Holy Cross Lutheran Church Pre-School, and Habitat for Humanity.

Lt. James Perkins Awarded Air Medal

WITH I CORPS IN KOREA —
Army 2d Lt. James M. Perkins, whose wife, Shirley, lives at 623 Fairview ave., Neenah, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service in flights over Korea.

Assigned to I Corps 936th Field Artillery Battalion as an air observer, he has been in Korea since last October.

Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Perkins, 75 Parkloaf st., Oshkosh, is a graduate of Oshkosh High school and a former student at Oshkosh State Teachers College.
