Cordell E. Perkins

August 13, 1920 - January 20, 2017

Cordell E. Perkins of St. James, Missouri passed away Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Missouri Veterans Home in St. James at the age of 96. Cordell was born in Rolla, Missouri on August 13, 1920 to the late Charles Edward and Bessie Pearl (Loughridge) Perkins.

Cordell proudly served his Country in the United States Army during WWII under General George Patton, among the many medals he received, he was also awarded two bronze stars. Mr. Cordell Perkins was united in marriage to the love of his life, Evelyn (Sue) Gibson on November 12, 1960, this union was blessed with two children. Cordell retired from Phelps County Highway Department in 1985, where he drove a truck for many years.
He had many hobbies, he enjoyed playing the guitar, and loved the fiddle, banjo, and bluegrass music. He enjoyed restoring old cars, and entering them in local car shows, he especially liked to go to Vichy, Missouri to the Ozark Extravaganza where he won many trophies; he was a gun collector, and an avid antique collector, he wasn't always out for a particular item he just loved getting out and searching for "stuff"; Cordell was also an avid gardener, he loved "knockout" roses, planting a big vegetable garden that he shared with family and friends, he also bought and sold grapes during the grape season, he had a stand at the junction of Hwy 68 & 8, he really enjoyed having that little stand meeting new people, and would often take goodies from the garden to sell along with the grapes; Cordell loved his family, and loved his cats. He

was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend to all, and will be greatly missed.

Cordell Perkins is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Evelyn (Sue) Perkins, of the home; children, Charles Perkins and wife Rebecca, of St. James, MO, and Tammy Perkins Dewiliby, of Rolla, MO; grandchildren, Cordell Licklider, Dina Couchman (Terry), Melissa Perkins, Andrea Lewis, Charles (Andy) Perkins (Charlie Nicole), Angel Perkins, and Cody Perkins; great-grandchildren, Nathan Cook (Rebecca), Xavier Baylor, Daniel Bryan, Zaiden Dyer, Jadelynn Bryan, Madilynn Bryan, Ivy Perkins, and Hunter Perkins; great-great-granddaughter, Hailey Cook; a host of extended family and friends.
In addition to his parents Cordell was preceded in death by his sisters, Laura Troutman, Goldie Davis, and Nada Perkins; daughter, Joyce Miller, granddaughter, Amber Perkins; great-grandson, Johnathan Shay.
Funeral services for Cordell will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 2:00PM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Mick Thrasher officiating. Internment will be at the St. James Cemetery with Full Military Honors. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 11 until service time.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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