



Richard Stuart Perkins

April 30, 1948 - June 25, 2009

Richard Stuart Perkins, age 61 of Salisbury, died at his home Thursday, June 25, 2009.

Mr. Perkins was born April 30, 1948 in Burlington, North Carolina, son of the late Harold L. Perkins, Sr. and Mabel C. Buckley.

He was a graduate of the Walter M. Williams High School in Burlington and received a degree in Business Administration from Catawba College.

He was associated with the Belk Stores for twenty seven years, serving as merchandise manager and manager of Stores in Salisbury, Hickory and Concord-Kannapolis. He became Executive Vice President of Rowan Business Alliance in 1997 and serving in that capacity at the time of his death. He had served a Mayor of Granite Quarry, President of the Salisbury Civitan Club and has served with the Salisbury Downtown Promotion Committee, Holiday Decorating Committee, Granite Quarry Parent Teachers Association and was a Past Chairman of the United Way. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Nazareth Children's Home.

He was a member of the Nazareth Community Church and was actively involved with the church work and had been a vital part of the church organization.

He is survived by his wife Marie Britt Perkins and two sons, Stuart Perkins and wife Kim of Salisbury and Wesley Perkins and wife Megan of Richmond, Virginia; one daughter Anna Auerbach and husband Adam of Concord; three grandchildren, Christian, Corbin, and Camryn; a sister Lynn Brown of Martinsville, Virginia and a brother, Tom Perkins of Greensboro.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning at 11:00 AM at the Nazareth Community Church, 855 Crescent Road, Rockwell. Mr. Perkins will lie in state 30 minutes before the service. Burial will follow at Rowan Memorial Park.

Visitation will be at the Summersett Funeral Home, Friday from 6:00 until 8:00 PM.

Memorials may be made to the Nazareth Community Church, PO Box 444, Rockwell, N.C. 28138.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Perkins family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Anna: Steve and I were very sorry to hear of the passing of your father.

Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers.

Carolyn & Steve##imported-begin##Steve & Carolyn

Blackwood##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 06:58 PM



“ *Just Call On Me*

*I can't comprehend just how sad you must feel
For the loss of someone you love.
This sorrowful time must still feel unreal
And you're looking for strength from above.*

*I hope, from my heart, that your pain will decrease,
That your spirit will gain strength again,
And I pray that your faith will create inner peace
And that God will send blessings--Amen.*

*Till then, if you need me to lighten your load,
I'm waiting to come to your aid.
Just call on me, and I'll walk down that road,
Until the dark times start to fade.*

Deep condolences,

By Karl Fuchs##imported-begin##Harrison##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 03:04 PM



“ *Reaching Out*

*My heart is reaching out to you,
For what you're going through;
I'm thinking of you frequently
And praying for you, too.*

*If there's something I can do,
Anything at all,
Think of me thinking of you,
And don't hesitate to call.*

By Joanna Fuchs##imported-begin##Nadine##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 03:02 PM



“ *Marie,*

*May the beauty of the precious memories held deep within your
heart comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

*You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-
begin##Wanda Monroe##imported-end##*

June 26, 2009 at 09:59 AM



“ *Anna, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your father. My
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.
Love, Tronda Lee##imported-begin##Tronda Lee##imported-end##*

June 26, 2009 at 09:51 AM



“ Marie and family,
May God's promises comfort you in your sorrow, may His blessings
bring you peace.
With sympathy, love and prayers,
Rene Barger (former church secretary at Stallings
Baptist)###imported-begin##Rene Barger###imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 09:17 AM



“ What a tremendous loss for the Salisbury community and certainly
for Richard's family and friends. Richard was such an effective
advocate and hard worker for so many good causes. Deaths like
this challenge our faith but we must continue to pray to understand
God's will and to be with the Perkins' family during this sad of
extreme sadness.###imported-begin##Phil Kirk###imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 08:34 AM



“ You have my deepest sympathy. Richard was a co-worker and
family friend for my years. He and my late husand worked together
at Belk's. He was a very caring man. You and your family are in my
prayers.###imported-begin##Martha Nell Brown###imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 08:27 AM



“ Marie,

We are so sorry for the loss of your husband. Richard was obviously a very caring, compassionate man who's loss will be felt by this community for years to come.

Please know that we are thinking of you and your family and will keep you in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Lori, Katie & Robert Egloff##imported-begin##Lori Egloff##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 06:47 AM



“ *May God grant peace with your family during this time. My thoughts & prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Lani Earnhardt##imported-end##*

June 25, 2009 at 09:10 PM



“ *Marie and family, Our sympathy is extended to you, the children, and grandchildren on the loss of Richard. Just know you are all in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.*
Bob and Linda Eidson##imported-begin##Linda and Bob Eidson##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 07:20 PM



“ My deepest sympathies. I met Richard last week and was completely impressed with his integrity, personality and humanity. The community and the world will miss his impact and presence. My thoughts are with the entire Perkins family.##imported-begin##Jay Forte##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 05:30 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Richard's death. I served with him on the Smart Start Rowan board of directors. He was also gentle, caring and strove for the best for all children. God Bless.##imported-begin##Beth Connell##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 04:17 PM



“ Marie, we are so sorry for your loss. karen and i are neighbors on camelot drive. I enjoyed being with Richard in Civitan. we will hold you in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##DENNIS & KAREN ROGERS##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 04:02 PM