



Tom Perkins

January 15, 1946 - December 11, 2023

Tom Perkins, age 77, of Richland Center passed away on Monday, December 11, 2023. He enlisted in the Army, becoming a Paratrooper in the 173rd Airborne brigade during the Vietnam era. During his three-year stint in the U.S. Army, he became a sergeant. He was awarded a bronze and also a silver star for saving the lives of many fellow soldiers during his two years of active combat in Vietnam. Originally from Chicago, Tom moved to Richland Center in 1980 and started a handyman service which evolved into Perkins Lock. He enjoyed serving the southwest Wisconsin area for more than 40 years, unlocking many cars as well as servicing commercial and residential locks throughout the region. He was known for always having a story ready to share. He was also the man behind the sharing of many chocolate chip cookies during the holidays. He loved the area and the people in it, delaying retirement for 12 years in order to ensure the county had a locksmith, enjoying every minute.

Tom was a Christian and knew where he was going after his death, which gave him a lot of peace. He struggled with long-term pain from a back surgery but we know he now has all-consuming and glorious joy forever, pain-free.

Tom is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy Perkins, as well as two children, Katie Perkins and Steve Perkins.

Visitation will be held at Grace Community Church (23291 Co Hwy AA) on Thursday, December 21st from 3-5 PM, followed by a memorial service at 5 PM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Grace Community Church. We are still deciding on which charity to donate to but will know by the time of the service.

A special thanks to the Richland Center Hospital third floor nursing staff. Such genuinely kind and caring people are an unusual and real treasure in this world. Both Tom and his family were recipients of their truly empathetic care, with a special thanks to Briana and Darrin for their personalized attention to both Tom and his family at the end. www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Richland Center Cemetery

Richland Center, WI

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 21. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Grace Community Church
23291 County HWY AA
Richland Center, WI 53581

Celebration of Life

DEC 21. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Tom was my first landlord. Even though I had to cut my lease short because of layoff at Allen-Bradley, Tom was a kind and understanding guy. He was well liked and he loved to talk to people. I know my note is a little late, but I just read of his passing. My thoughts to Tom's family.

DENNIS SCHUMACHER - February 21, 2024 at 08:49 AM

CW

“ Nancy. I am so shocked and sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He helped us several times over the years. Sincere sympathy to you and your family. Prayers for you.

Cathleen Withington - December 22, 2023 at 06:15 PM

BR

“ To the family and friends of Tom Perkins, another Comrade has been called to the high command. He has gone to the commander of us all. He offered his service to our country in a time of national need and is now enrolled in that great spirit army whose footfalls cause no sound. But in the memory of man, their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free, the world is blessed. Our deepest condolences from Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Richland Center, WI.



Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Rich - December 19, 2023 at 09:33 AM

VH

“ So sorry for your loss. Tom helped me out a couple times with locked vehicles. He was a kind man.

Valerie Habel - December 16, 2023 at 06:34 PM

BH

“ We needed Tom's locksmith services more than once or twice! He was so efficient and such a friendly man. He was always ready to share his faith with others in conversations. To Nancy and your family, we express our sympathy. By the Grace of God, we "do not grieve as people who have no hope" I Thes. 4:13-14. "For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. Then, together with them, we who are alive and remain on earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air and we will be with the LORD forever. Encourage each other with these words." May God's gracious love and peace surround you all as you grieve the loss of your husband and father.

Bob and Jan Hirschy - December 15, 2023 at 05:03 PM

NP

Such beautiful words, you guys. Thank You

Nancy Perkins - December 17, 2023 at 05:20 AM

DE

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, sympathy to you all. Glen and Deb Niemeyer

Deb - December 15, 2023 at 12:02 PM

NP

Thanks guys.....

Nancy Perkins - December 17, 2023 at 05:22 AM