



# James Ernest Perkins

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## **James Ernest Perkins**

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**J**ames “Jim” Ernest Perkins of Spring Hill, Florida, passed away on August 21, 2024. After a decades-long battle with heart disease, he left this world suddenly when his heart could no longer keep up with the love he had for his wife, family, and friends.

Jim was born on February 22, 1944, in Vancouver, WA to Henry and Daisy (Reynolds) Perkins. He graduated from Garfield High School (Hamilton, OH) in 1962 and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. Jim married Colleen (Wohrle) Perkins on March 20, 1965, and was a loving, caring provider for his family.

Jim was employed by General Motors as a skilled trades foreman for over 38 years. Jim was an avid golfer, willing to share his love and knowledge of the game with as many people as he could. He even accumulated three aces (hole-in-ones) due to his relentless pursuit of perfection on the golf course. After working hard all his life, he genuinely enjoyed his retirement at Timber Pines. His wife, Colleen, frequently referred to herself as a “golf widow,” since he spent so much time practicing and playing golf.

Jim was truly a renaissance man and jack-of-all-trades. There wasn’t anything he couldn’t build, repair, or repurpose. Leatherwork, beadwork, stained glass, metalwork, and woodwork are just a few of the hobbies that he mastered. Jim was always a perfectionist and never hesitated to help out a friend in need, even before they asked. He even ventured outside his comfort zone at times, participating in local plays with other Greenbriar Village residents. Jim was an active and outspoken member of his community, always willing to provide his thoughts and insights in an effort to maintain the lifestyle he loved so dearly.

Jim was preceded in death by his son, Stacey Perkins, in 1986. He leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Colleen; sons Shawn (Judi) Perkins, and Randy Perkins; Leigh Anne (Belt) Forthofer (Tony), who was like the daughter he never had; grandchildren



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Austin, Ryan, Annie, and Elizabeth; numerous step-grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, including Ernie Tuttle and Virginia Shephard. He will be missed dearly by all his family and friends.

Services will be held on August 26, 2024, at Grace Memorial Funeral Home in Hudson, FL. Visiting hours are from 2-4 PM with a memorial service immediately following.

Additional services to be held at Rose Hill Funeral Home in Hamilton, OH, where he will be interred at a Rose Hill Burial Park.



# Events

**James Ernest Perkins**

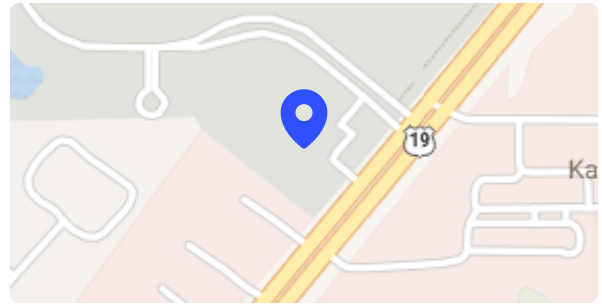
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## Visitation

**Monday**, August 26, 2024

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM est

**Grace Memorial Funeral Home**  
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667

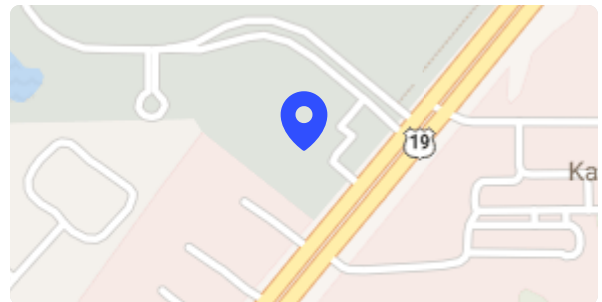


## Funeral Service

**Monday**, August 26, 2024

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM est

**Grace Memorial Funeral Home**  
16931 Us Highway 19 North, Hudson FL 34667

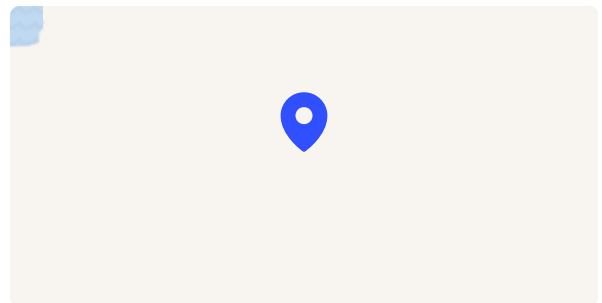


## Visitation

**Monday**, September 9, 2024

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM ET

**Rose Hill Funeral Home**  
2421 Princeton Rd, Hamilton FL 45011

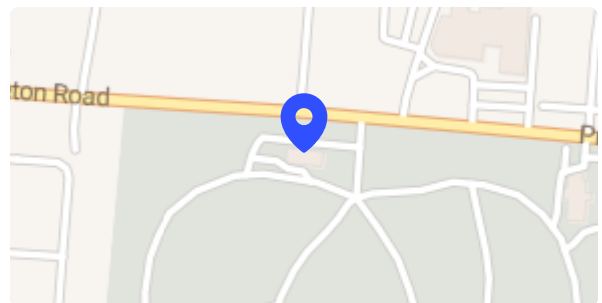


## Funeral Service

**Monday**, September 9, 2024

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

**Rose Hill Burial Park**  
2421 Princeton Rd, Hmlton OH 45011





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Perkins family.

August 25 at 6:51 PM



**Everett & Polly Wiggins & Family** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Perkins family.

August 25 at 12:37 PM



**P Edward Hensley** posted:

Although I hadn't seen you face to face in over 30 years, you have been a part of my life since I was the "extra kid" that was at your house so much. Thank you for spreading your love and wisdom to the little street urchin nephew.

August 24 at 5:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Perkins family.

August 24 at 5:29 AM



**Ralph Staiano** shared a photo to the **Golfing with Jim and friends at TP** album.

August 23 at 8:23 AM



**Ralph Staiano** shared a photo to the **St Patrick's Day** album.

August 23 at 8:12 AM





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**Ralph Staiano** shared 4 photos to the **Good Times** album.



August 23 at 7:07 AM



**Ralph Staiano** shared a photo to the **Jim Perkins** album.



August 23 at 7:07 AM



## Media

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**Ralph Staiano** shared a photo to the **Golfing with Jim and friends at TP** album.

August 23 at 8:23 AM



One of many great rounds of Golf at TP



Ralph Staiano shared a photo to the **St Patrick's Day** album.

August 23 at 8:12 AM



St Patrick's Day in Tampa



Ralph Staiano shared 4 photos to the **Good Times** album.

August 23 at 8:01 AM



One of many wonderful dinners with the Perkins family



Handsome devil and his lovely wife



A simple moment for two special people



Good people good times



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August 23 at 7:07 AM



Coney Island Hot Dog Elvis night



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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