

## Rodger Dwaine Perkins

September 30, 1928 - February 2, 2024

The Rev. Rodger Dwaine Perkins, age 95 passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus his Lord with his family at his side on February 2, 2024. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan September 30, 1928, to immigrant parents George R.V. Perkins of England and Winnifred Kerkstra of Holland. The family of five boys and one sister moved to Santa Ana, CA and joined the Assembly of God Church. Rodger was active in the choir, youth, and Christ's Ambassadors, when he received the call to foreign missions in Japan.

He graduated from Santa Ana High School, and attended college to complete his ministerial studies at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, MO. While attending college he met his wife, Alma Nadine Brown of Bartlesville, OK and they were wed on May 28, 1950, at Bartlesville 1st Assembly of God after his graduation. Three children were born, Stephen, Byron, and Carol in the first decade of their ministry.

They pastored in South Dakota, Kansas, and Southern California, where he completed his B.A in Religious Education at Southern California Bible College (now Vanguard University) before being appointed to Assemblies of God World Missions in Japan. Sailing with his family to Japan for the first time in August 1962, endeavoring to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism, church planting, teaching English Bible lessons, and assisting the Japan Assemblies of God to build four churches. Together they served 6

terms in Japan, from 1962-1995, returning to Bartlesville to care for Nadine's mother, Edith Brown. He joined the staff at Bartlesville 1st Assembly, now Spirit Church, as visitation pastor and pastor to seniors, until his 90th birthday in 2018. Known affectionately as Pastor Perk, it is said he was hard to keep up with, serving tirelessly like the energizer bunny, and in his own words, "still a Perkin" right up until the end. In their "golden years" they enjoyed some memorable cruises, world travels to Europe, Israel, Japan, and frequent trips to visit their children on the East and West coasts, Alaska, and Hawaii.

A faithful husband of 73 + years, a faithful servant of the Lord as an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God for 72 years, a faithful father, grandfather, great grandfather, and soon to be great-great grandfather. He will be deeply missed by his church, family, and friends.

Rodger was preceded in death by his brothers Richard Perkins, Robert Perkins, Frederick Perkins, George William (Bill) Perkins, and sister Winnefred Osborn. He is survived by his wife of 73 + years Alma Nadine (Brown) Perkins, children Stephen Victor Perkins (Teresa), Dr. Byron Edward Perkins, DO (Sherry), Carol Perkins Long, LPN, 3 grandsons Christopher Perkins (Maria), Brannon Long (Chelsea), Justin Perkins (Tiana Marie), 5 granddaughters Jenica Belsha (Damon), Heather Perkins, Stacy Pleta (John), Marcy Long Lawson (Tim) and Aubrey Perkins Arbaugh (Andrew); 25 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and the second coming in August, 2024.

A come and go visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2024, at Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 4201 Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006, 918-333-7665.

A Celebration of life and ministry will be held at Bartlesville Spirit Church, 2121 Madison Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006 at 2 PM Saturday, February 10,

2024, with Pastor Jason Fullerton and Pastor Darryl Wootton, Oklahoma Assemblies of God District Superintendent, officiating. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Spirit Church to support Japan Missions. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Bartlesville. Services are under the direction of Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel  
4201 Nowata Rd  
Bartlesville, OK 74006  
(918) 333-7665  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

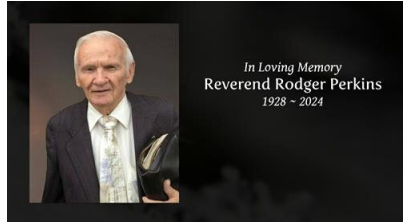
FEB 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Spirit Church  
2121 S Madison Ave  
Bartlesville, OK 74006

# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodger Dwaine Perkins*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - February 10, 2024 at 10:30 AM

CK

*So beautiful! Such a wonderful person, and couple I love a lot! So thankful to have known them!*

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**Charlotte Kinney** - February 10, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rodger Dwaine Perkins.*



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February 08, 2024 at 10:10 PM

WS

“ *Will and Kotone Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodger Dwaine Perkins.*



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**Will and Kotone Smith** - February 08, 2024 at 03:11 PM

WS

“ Will and Kotone Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodger Dwaine Perkins.

Will and Kotone Smith - February 08, 2024 at 03:11 PM

FL

“ We can't find the words to express how sorry we are for your loss. Your father's legacy of kindness and love will continue to inspire us all. We extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Frank and Natalia Lamas - February 07, 2024 at 10:17 AM

AC

“ We appreciate Mr. Perkins for showing his care and passion to reach out to Japanese people through his ministry.



Alaska Japanese Christian Church - February 06, 2024 at 08:00 PM

FH

“ Frances Harrington lit a candle in memory of Rodger Dwaine Perkins



Frances Harrington - February 06, 2024 at 04:33 PM

ES

“ Thoughts and prayers for your family 🙏❤️



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**Ernie & Tami Snodgrass** - February 06, 2024 at 03:53 PM

DW

“ *Pastor Perkins may have been small in stature but he was a giant in my eyes as a example of a fully committed Christian. He was and always will be a hero to the Winkler family. Our love to all the Perkins family.*

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**Duane Winkler** - February 06, 2024 at 02:14 PM

LS

*I agree with you! He & his wife, Alma, have always been such a wonderful example of fully committed Christian lives. Love to all the Perkins family. (Linda Rayl Sigler)*

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**Linda (Rayl Sigler)** - February 07, 2024 at 05:54 PM

PW

*We agree.....Brother Perkins was a fully committed Christian giant and Sister Perkins was right by his side!! We love them both so much and they are very special to us!! We are praying for you and your family, Sister Perkins, that God will give you strength and comfort you!! God bless you always!!*

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**Paul and Gina White** - February 10, 2024 at 09:43 PM