



Ray Perkins

May 1, 1920 - December 3, 2017

Ray Mitchell Perkins, Sr., 97, years old, was born May 1, 1920, in Kansas City, Kansas. He was the third born of seven children. Ray departed this life on December 3, 2017. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Perkins and Arline Perkins, his wife Bessie, his daughter, Shirley Shoates, two brothers, Billy and Walter, two sister, Diane and Arline, four nephews and one niece. After graduating from Sumner High School, he attended Culinary School. He was then drafted into the military in World War II, and received a Good Conduct Medal. Ray worked at Swift Packing House for forty years. After retiring from Swift, he became "Mr. fix it Man", repairing electrical items, painting and collecting Mason jars, for which he became famous. The Kansas City Star did an article on him and his collection. Later, he became a part-time owner in a Thrift Store, where he sold, bartered, and exchanged various items trying to help less fortunate people. He was a father figure to his younger sister, Doris, and always kind and generous to his sister and mother. He accepted Christ at an early age and participated in many activities as his health permitted. Ray married Bessie Perkins and was blessed with two children, Ray Perkins, Jr. and Shirley Shoates, Ray and Bessie were married for over fifty-five years plus until her death. Ray Mitchell Perkins is survived by a son, Ray Perkins, Jr. of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother, Donald Perkins, J.D. LL.M Attorney at Law; a sister, Doris Jean Johnson (James) of Independence, Missouri; one grandson; five great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. Funeral Service for Ray Mitchell

Perkins, Sr. will be held Friday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. at the Lawrence A. Jones and Sons Funeral Chapel, 1800 E. Linwood Blvd. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel. Interment, Monday, December 11, 12:30 P.M. Leavenworth National Cemetery.

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There are no proper words and expressions to express the sorrow that I have in my heart to lose such a dearest uncle. This is the biggest shock of my life. There is no replacement for the person like him. At this time, all that I can do is pray for his peaceful soul.

Love and miss you Uncle Ray!!

Love Arline

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