



Robert H. Perry, Jr.

May 28, 1934 - July 26, 2018

Shirley: Robert H. Perry, Jr. 84, of Shirley, formerly of Acton, died Thursday, July 26, 2018 during a brief stay at Apple Valley Center, Ayer.

Mr. Perry was born in Somerville, May 28, 1934, the first of seven children born to Robert H. and Ethel (Loye) Perry, and grew up in the Pinehurst section of Billerica. He raised his family and resided more than 30 years in Acton before moving to Shirley in 2001. In the Korean Conflict, he proudly served his country with the United States Marine Corps, and attained within his four years the rank of Corporal.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Barbara E. (Clark) Perry, originally of Concord; a son, Douglas A. Perry of Shirley; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheryl A. and Lou DeCilio of Stratford, CT, Gayle M. and Clive Nixon of Littleton; a brother, James Perry of Billerica; a brother-in-law, Edgar Clark of Fitchburg and three grandchildren, Tyler Nixon, Daniel DeCilio and Kayla Nixon.

He was the brother of the late Thomas, Paul, Frederick, and MGySgt Howard Perry (USMC), and the late Florence Billotta. Four of Robert's siblings followed his example, to become marines.

Mr. Perry spent much of his sales executive career with Service Electric in Waltham, then he became a sales manager for Pepperell Home Center in Pepperell for twelve years, then joined a True Value branch close to home for several years.

Following his retirement he drove the Shirley Council of Aging van for eight years to support local citizens and his community, after founding a landscaping company with his son.

Robert embraced his role as a husband, father and 'Grampy'. He loved his family deeply; as only he could. Strong in faith he was a longtime parishioner and enjoyed ushering at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord. Robert enjoyed being active whether

participating in sports or relaxing on a beach with Barbara by his side. During the 1970s and '80s he was both a cubmaster and a scoutmaster leader (of Pack 33 and Boy Scout Troop 284 in Acton, respectively), and a head coach for the town's girls' softball league. The scouts, under his leadership, earned enough money -- by cutting and selling firewood -- to take multiple trips including Quantico, Washington D.C., Walt Disney World, and NASA. He loved golfing, bowling, and playing in Acton's 'high-arc' softball league where he was commonly known to pitch no-hitters.

He was a past member of Aleppo Temple Order of Shriners, and, in his eighties, was elected as a Constable in the Town of Shirley.

Funeral services will be held on July 31st, 1:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm Street, Concord.

Burial will be private.

Calling hours are Monday, July 30th, 4-7 PM, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information or to leave an e-condolence.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parkinson's Disease Research, c/o The Michael J. Fox Foundation. P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 1:00 PM.

Trinity Episcopal Church
81
Elm Street
Concord, MA

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I just read about Bob passing away.....The years I cut Bob's hair were fun.....I always loved his sense of humor and especially, his laugh....My most heartfelt condolences to the family.....Shirley will miss Bob.....xo

marianne coalter - August 13, 2018 at 05:41 PM

DS

“ Debbie Simoneau lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Perry, Jr.



Debbie Simoneau - July 31, 2018 at 01:58 PM

MS

“ Bob was a wonderful, friendly person who was always available to help out. From driving the Senior van, to cooking at the concerts, he always stepped up to the plate! Now it is time to rest, Bob, but you will be greatly missed.
Marcia Sullivan

Marcia Sullivan - July 30, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a wonderful man, who did so much for the seniors in Shirley. May he rest in peace. Janice Snow

Janice Farber Snow - July 30, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert H. Perry, Jr..



July 30, 2018 at 10:11 AM

JO

“ Bob will be missed by many in Shirley. His dedication to making life better for seniors was well known. He was a good man and a dedicated marine. He was a good neighbor and a good friend.
It was a pleasure working with him for many years at the senior center.
OO-rah!
John and charline oelfke

john oelfke - July 30, 2018 at 09:27 AM

GF

“ We will miss our neighbor of 11 years dearly. Our kids thought of Bob as their Grandfather and loved running to him for hugs, telling him exciting news from their days, or walking with him in the Memorial Day parade in town. Such a sweet man who took so much pride in his family and his work for the community.
Thinking of his family during this time and hoping all the wonderful memories can help ease the pain of loss a bit.
Rest in peace, Bob.

With Love,
The Griffin Family



Griffin Family - July 30, 2018 at 09:03 AM

FK

“ From Scot & Adora King purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Robert H. Perry, Jr..



From Scot & Adora King - July 30, 2018 at 06:18 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Robert H. Perry, Jr..



July 29, 2018 at 09:15 PM

PC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He will be missed. Thank you Bob for all your work in Shirley. It was an honor to work with you.

Patrick Curtin - July 29, 2018 at 08:46 PM

GK

“ Gale Koss purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Robert H. Perry, Jr..



Gale Koss - July 29, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Robert H. Perry, Jr..



July 29, 2018 at 12:13 PM

NI

“ 35 files added to the album Bob Perry Father-in-Law and Grandpa



Nixon - July 29, 2018 at 10:50 AM

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“ 14 files added to the album *Bob Perry Father and Coach*



Nixon - July 29, 2018 at 10:42 AM

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“ 9 files added to the album *Bob Perry Early days*



Nixon - July 29, 2018 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Robert H. Perry, Jr..*



July 29, 2018 at 10:13 AM

ES

“ *RIP my golfing buddy. Always first on the course and never a dull moment. May you always RIP and semper fi.*

Earle "Bruce" Stone - July 29, 2018 at 06:37 AM

KG

“ *Very sorry for your loss, he was a remarkable man. Our deepest sympathy, Kristen and Jack Gannon*

Kristen Gannon - July 28, 2018 at 10:17 AM

KB

“ *Kathryn Becker lit a candle in memory of Robert H. Perry, Jr.*



Kathryn Becker - July 28, 2018 at 08:16 AM

KB

“ *Bob was one of the kindest people I've had the pleasure to know. We worked together at the Shirley COA where he worked tirelessly on behalf of Shirley seniors, always going the extra mile when needed. He was thoughtful and attentive to his riders needs and greeted everyone with a smile. He was a Marine and everything that meant, informed his life. You could count on him. Bob adored his family and was so very proud of them, always sharing news clippings of their achievements and little anecdotes. I feel blessed to have known him. Godspeed Bob <3*

Kathryn Becker - July 28, 2018 at 08:13 AM