



Bill E. Perkins

July 11, 1934 - January 7, 2026

Billy "Bill" E. Perkins, 91, a lifelong resident of rural Howard, KS, passed away on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at his home. Bill was born on July 11, 1934, the son of Earl and Emma Bernadine (Moore) Perkins.

Growing up, Bill attended Union Center School, often riding his horse to the one room schoolhouse. He was a charter member of the Flint Hill Boosters 4-H Club. He would graduate from Howard High School in 1952. While in high school, Bill loved playing football, which became a passion for him to watch and attend games throughout his life.

As a student at Kansas State College, Bill was in Army ROTC and Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Part of Bill's K-State experience was his adventure as an International Foreign Youth Exchange student, traveling to Argentina and living on a cattle ranch. Bill graduated from Kansas State with his bachelor's degree in Animal Husbandry

in 1958.

After college he returned to the family ranch near Howard and served in the US Army

Reserves. Over his lifetime, Bill would operate a cow/calf operation with his father and

brother, then later with his daughter and nephews. He was devoted to the stewardship

of the land and the stockmanship of the herd. On June 14, 1959, Bill married his high

school sweetheart, Ramona Sue Tucker. Bill and Susie's marriage spanned over 65

years, working side by side on their ranch until her death on October 19, 2024.

Ranching was Bill's life, with a devotion to God, his wife Susie, and his family.

Bill was

not all work and no play; he enjoyed square dancing, playing bridge, and snow and

water skiing. He rarely missed school and 4-H activities and sporting events of his

children and grandchildren. Bill and Susie held K-State season football tickets for many

years and enjoyed traveling to bowl games. He was involved in his community as a

member of Howard Methodist Church, Howard Rotary, and was the current President of

Watershed District #47.

Bill is survived by:

Daughter:

Kate Perkins and husband David Whetstone of Howard, KS

Grandchildren:

Tim Whetstone and wife Mackenzie

Hannah Whetstone

Sister-In-Law:

Shelby Perkins

Three Nephews:

Rick (Susan), Patrick (Julie), and Phillip Perkins

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, wife Susie, a son Timothy, a sister Betty Joan Perkins, a brother Don Perkins.

Cremation has been requested with a Memorial Celebration of Life to be held on

Monday, January 19, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Howard Methodist Church. The family

suggests in Bill's memory you dress in boots, jeans and K-State purple.

Memorials

have been suggested to the Tim Perkins Memorial Scholarship via the Elk County

Community Foundation and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Online

condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Services are under the direction

of Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington, P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Howard Methodist Church
815 E Randolph St
Howard, KS 67349

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Bill in the mid 1970s and immediately liked him. Over the years when I fished at his properties I would get to visit with him and one day he told me his philosophy, "If you can't do it from horseback, it isn't worth doing".

I was saddened when Kate told me of his death. I last saw him in late 2025 and visited for a while. He missed his wife but knew that her passing was best for her. He was very proud of his family, especially the grandson at the Air Force Academy.

I will miss him too.

*Homer Cook 316-684-6070
Wichita, Ks*

Homer Cook - March 28 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ I remember working for Bill and his brother Don in the hayfield, you couldn't ask for 2 nicer guys to work with. When I dumped half a load of hay off the wagon

By not unloading it right, he wasn't happy, but later we just laughed about it and went back to work.

James Crisp - January 27 at 11:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Bill Perkins*



Countryside Funeral Home - January 16 at 03:20 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bill E. Perkins.*



January 13 at 12:35 PM



“ *Dan and Stefni Hebb lit a candle in memory of Bill Perkins*



Dan and Stefni Hebb - January 12 at 06:06 PM



“ *We can't remember a time that Bill wasn't smiling and happy. He always joked around with you. We are very proud to have known Bill and Susie!
Prayers for the family Marlin and Nadine Baumgartel*

Marlin & Nadine Baumgartel - January 12 at 05:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill E. Perkins.*



January 11 at 12:55 PM



“ *Kaye Spurrier Yates lit a candle in memory of Bill Perkins*



Kaye Spurrier Yates - January 11 at 12:36 PM



“ *You will be missed. Bob and Judy Nungesser*



Judy Nungesser - January 10 at 04:25 PM



“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Bill Perkins*



Chip&Nancy Crum - January 10 at 06:50 AM

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“ *Such a big infectious smile. He always made you feel he was sincerely glad to see you. The Perkins family were wonderful neighbors and friends. I am better for knowing Bill and Susie both.*

Terri Harroald - January 09 at 06:53 PM