



David Michael Perry

December 31, 1951 - November 30, 2024

David Michael Perry, 72, passed away on Saturday, November 30, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at Harton Hospital.

Born in Tullahoma, Tennessee, to the late Allen and Opie Perry, David devoted his career to education and athletics, receiving his B.S., M.S., and E.Ds. degrees from MTSU and playing football for the Blue Raiders. He was a middle and high school teacher and a passionate coach of football and basketball. After retiring from teaching and coaching, he partnered with his son, Matthew Perry, to run a successful lawn and landscaping business.

David's love for sports was infectious. He was an avid supporter of local high school football and basketball, as well as a devoted fan of his beloved Boston Celtics and Alabama Crimson Tide. Beyond sports, he found joy in hiking, reading, being outdoors, and connecting with people, always striking up a warm conversation and never meeting a stranger.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his sisters, Susan McMillan and Melanie Roberts. He is survived by his brother, Allen E. Perry (Mary Catherine), and sister, Linda Chapman. He is also survived by his son, Matthew Perry (Shauna), and their children, Sarah, Symantha, and Jordan; and his daughter, Andrea Perry (Kelly), and their children, Blake, Beckham, and Riley.

A private family only graveside service and celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens, officiated by Mr. Byron Lawrence. David's family will gather to honor a life well-lived,

defined by his infectious smile, love for simplicity, and effortless camaraderie.

Online condolences may be made at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com.

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 4. 2:30 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Memorial Gardens
4758 New Manchester Highway
Tullahoma, TN 37388
<http://www.rosehillmemorialgardens.com/>

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Coach Perry- Thank you for loving your students and giving us all guidance. We athlete's especially appreciate all the time you invested. We will all see you smiling soon in Heaven!

Kimberly M - December 07, 2024 at 05:14 PM

SB

“ David was one of the nicest men I knew He did our lawn service since 2018. He always had a smile on his face. I will miss our discussions on sports, restaurants, politics, etc. I can't say enough good things about David.

Sandra Barrett - December 05, 2024 at 04:39 PM

DM

“ David was my assistant at THS during my time in Tullahoma and was beloved by the young men he coached and all who knew him. He was a great friend to me and I will dearly miss hearing his voice and talking about sports with him. He was always there for me and my family. We love you always Coach Perry. Your friendship will never be forgotten. Love, Coach David Muckle and Family

David Muckle - December 05, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BC

This is a very nice tribute and how I always viewed you two on and off the court. He was one of the guys that could always get Coach Muckle to crack a smile. We were lucky to be coached by Coach Perry, and the fellas absolutely remember him fondly. Some really great stories and memories told and re-told every time we get together. Thanks for the memories Coach!

Brian Caruthers - December 05, 2024 at 08:57 PM

BP

“ *Andrea and Matthew,
I am so sorry to learn of David's passing. I always enjoyed working with David, and I appreciate all the work he did while working in the system. Jennifer and Wendy liked him and enjoying playing softball for him. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Brenda Pollock - December 04, 2024 at 12:23 PM

NC

“ *Norma Capone lit a candle in memory of David Perry*



Norma Capone - December 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM

JA

“ *Jennifer A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Michael Perry.*

Jennifer A. - December 04, 2024 at 01:08 AM

PM

“ *Dear Andrea, Matt and all of David's family, please know of my heartfelt condolences for the loss of your father, grandfather, brother, and our dear cousin. I always enjoyed talking with David and he was very kind to me and my mom and my aunt especially as they aged. We will miss him as a member of the Perry family and I know that you miss him greatly. Please know that you are in my prayers and I pray that he is resting in God's peace. Paige Matthews*

Paige Matthews - December 03, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Michael Perry.*



December 02, 2024 at 06:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Michael Perry.

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