



Daniel Calvin Perkins Jr.

April 12, 1930 - October 12, 2019

Daniel Calvin Perkins, Jr. passed away in Sarasota, Florida on October 12, 2019.

Daniel was born in San Antonio, Texas, to Eleanor Koenig Perkins and Daniel Calvin Perkins, Sr. Following an impressive high school athletic career in both tennis and football, Daniel went on to play football at Texas A&M University and joined the Aggie Corps of Cadets where he rose to Executive Officer of his regiment. He graduated in 1952 and was commissioned in the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant. Daniel's true adventure began when he met and married the love of his life, Belva, in 1954.

Daniel had a long and distinguished military career as a flight instructor and command pilot, aerospace physiologist at the Air Force Academy and consultant to NASA. In 1969, Daniel volunteered to serve in Vietnam as a A-37 Dragonfly fighter pilot where his valor and heroism would be awarded with both the Bronze Star and Distinguished Flying Cross medals. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he began his second career as the Director of Curriculum for the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas, until he retired in 1995.

He enjoyed his retirement surrounded by family and friends as he traveled the world with Belva until her passing in 2009. Daniel was a beloved father,

grandfather, and great-grandfather, and a consummate Aggie fan.

Daniel is preceded in death by his wife Belva and his son Britt Perkins. He is survived by daughters Dana (Mark) Wetzel, D'Ann (Lyndell) Holmes, Dalane (Sean) Fox, sons Blaine Perkins, Blake Perkins and his grandchildren Travis (Heather), Kelli and Kyle Wetzel, Drew, Elise and Troy Holmes, Evan and Danielle Fox, and Samantha and Tabitha Perkins, and great-grandson Liam Wetzel.

Funeral Services and Military Honors for Lt. Colonel Perkins are scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 9:30 AM at Sarasota National Cemetery 9810 State Rd. 72, Sarasota, FL 34241. Burial will follow.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Daniel Calvin Perkins Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Danny's family. I owned the little preschool across the street from his mother. The school was named for three little ones too young to attend public school, Dan-Ann-Jim. His mother helped us when one of our teachers had to be out. I knew a little of his reputation but not the most interesting things it seems. I didn't know of his interesting career at Texas A & M. My grandfather was the first to register at A & M when it opened back in the 1870s. When his wife, Belva, passed away, I got to meet him through mutual friends, Stan and Vanessa Perkins. Because of Belva's unusual name I discovered I went through middle school with her. I enjoyed talking to Danny about his Mom and the school but I would have really liked to discuss A & M and his family. He was the epitome of a successful man and I know he will be missed.*

Janet Minnia October 26, 2019

Janet Minnia - October 28, 2019 at 07:06 PM

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“ To the family of Danny Perkins, may I express my sincere sympathy in your loss. What a tribute to read of Danny's many accomplishments through life. I knew Danny as a fellow student, from Brackenridge High School, but many years before that, Danny's wonderful Mother was my fifth grade teacher. A bouquet of flowers and thanks to her, for being the best teacher a student could have and her zest for life when she continued to hunt her deer. Mrs. Perkins instilled all the greatness in Danny and it was so evident. This family of the Highland Park area in San Antonio, will always be remembered so fondly. Wonderful family and i know his children, grand children and great grand children can be so proud of their family and especially Danny. May he know peace. He served us all so well.

Ms. Betty Ludwig - October 20, 2019 at 11:09 AM

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My thoughts, feelings and memories are too many to put in this post . All of you in the family know all we all shared together with your father and we had so many other times together, it will be hard to know there will be no more. Just keep that hot tub in the sky warm for me Danny Boy!!

Stanley - October 28, 2019 at 06:38 PM

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“ Stanley Perkins lit a candle in memory of Daniel Calvin Perkins Jr.



Stanley Perkins - October 17, 2019 at 11:47 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Daniel C. Perkins, Jr*



Dana Wetzel - October 17, 2019 at 02:36 PM

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Dana Wetzel - October 17, 2019 at 11:31 AM