



James "Perry" Cravens

May 21, 1938 - May 17, 2018

James Perry Cravens, 79, of Cape Girardeau, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, May 17, 2018, at Missouri Veterans Home.

He was born May 21, 1938, in Bonne Terre, Missouri, the son of the late James Eli and Pauline Perry Cravens. He and Linda Mosley were married August 5, 1978, in Arnold, Missouri, who survives of the home.

He served in the United States Army.

Perry retired from Farm Credit Banks in Saint Louis, Missouri. He was an active member of First Baptist Church, Arnold, Missouri, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri, and was currently a member of Lynwood Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau.

He is survived by his loving family; Bob and Janice (Mosley) Kirkbride of Fenton, Missouri, Stephen and Ava (Mosley) Huffstutler of Sikeston, Missouri, and Steve and Lana (Mosley) Hefner of Irmo, South Carolina, and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Visitation will be 1:30 to 2:30 pm Sunday, May 20, 2018, at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be at 2:00 pm Monday, May 21, 2018, at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with the Rev. David Ross officiating. Military rites will be conducted by Missouri Honor Guard.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **20**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Graveside Service

MAY **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery
17357 Stars & Stripes Way
Bloomfield, MO 63825

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Linda,

Janice and I have not seen you for a number of years, so please allow us a brief re-introduction. About 1979, or so, not long after you and Perry were married, you and Perry, along with your then new parents-in-law, stopped by my mother's home in Farmington. Our home was right around the corner from where the Cravens had lived. I believe that it was at Thanksgiving. You met and visited with my mom and my wife Janice, but I was not home at the time you arrived, as I had gone to run an errand for my mom.. I returned home within perhaps 1/2 hour after your arrival, . I do not believe that we have seen you but one time since then, and I think that was at a class reunion about 1987.

Perry was the first one that I met after my parents and I moved to Farmington from Chaffee in 1951, and we immediately became good friends. He and his parents had not long before moved to Farmington from Davenport, IA. As it turned out, we were in the same class, and he helped me to become acclimated to 7th grade. We also attended church together for awhile.

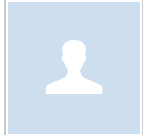
Perry and Tom Swink and I were virtually inseparable in high school. A bit later, our happy little trio was joined by another lad named Robin Cozean, who unfortunately fell into ill health and died in January 2000. The four of us had quite some adventures, which I imagine Perry has told you about. He was one of my groomsmen in our wedding, and remained a dear friend over the years. I had hoped to see him at our last class reunion. I (we) deeply regret to learn of his death.

The first time that I ever saw Perry he was riding the most beautiful bicycle that I had ever seen up to that time. It was a nearly brand new Monarch, and it was a beautiful monarch blue color. To commemorate my first meeting with Perry, we have sent sent you an arrangement of blue flowers, which are about the color of his bicycle.

With fond regards,

*Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Sutterfield
(Scott and Janice)*

J. S. & Janice R. Sutterfield - May 20, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Perry" Cravens.*



May 20, 2018 at 12:27 AM



“ *Tom and Carol purchased the Fairest of All for the family of James "Perry" Cravens.*



Tom and Carol - May 19, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ *No more sorrow, no more pain - rest in the Lord my sweet brother-in-law...*
Lana

Lana M Hefner - May 18, 2018 at 02:05 AM

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“ *Perry always had a good sense of humor. He could come up with an intelligent humorous comment on current events.
My brother Joe often would laugh when I'd tell him Perry's latest quips and would wonder, "Where does Perry come up with all these sayings?"
I also recall that Perry never passed up a good doughnut or two.
He always took pride in his cars, his dress and his home.
So many good memories from a good lifetime friend.*

Tom Swink - May 17, 2018 at 09:07 PM

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“ *Tom Swink sent a virtual gift in memory of
James "Perry" Cravens*



Tom Swink - May 17, 2018 at 08:44 PM