



## Mr. Ernest Melvin Perkins

December 8, 1944 - August 17, 2025

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." -  
2 Timothy 4:7

Ernest Melvin Perkins was born on December 8, 1944, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late William Perkins and Thelma Williams Perkins.

Ernest spent his early years in Amite, Louisiana before moving to Compton, California at a young age. He graduated from Compton High School in 1963. Soon after, he proudly served four years in the United States Army. Following his service, Ernest returned to Amite, Louisiana, where he married the love of his life, Brenda Foster Perkins, in February 1981. Together they shared 44 years of marriage. A man of deep faith, Ernest joined McMichael AME Church upon his return to Amite and was a devoted and hardworking member. He served faithfully as a member of the Usher Board, the Choir, the Sons of Allen, and the Trustee Board. Professionally, Ernest worked for BellSouth in Los Angeles for 16 years before transferring to New Orleans, where he continued his career for another 10 years. After retirement, he remained active by working with Mark's Electric in Amite for several years.

Ernest was a loyal supporter of Amite High School athletics, rarely missing a Warriors football or basketball game. He also enjoyed fellowship and competition as a member of a Thursday night bowling league in Hammond, Louisiana.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Brenda Foster Perkins; two daughters, Brandi Perkins of New Orleans, LA, and Sonia Foster of Houston, TX; three sons, Ernest (oslyn) Perkins Jr. of Los Angeles, CA, Cory Perkins of Amite, LA, and Kearstan Foster of Amite, LA; one brother, Stanley (Barbara) Perkins of Atlanta, GA; four sisters, Gwenda (Leroy) Coleman of Norwalk, CA, Martha Owens of Los Angeles, CA, Marie (Gerald) Dillon-Gray of Victorville, CA, and Verne (Thomas) Davis of Sacramento, CA; four sisters-in-law, Affie Perkins, Linda Foster, Janice Franklin, and Jeanette Finn; one brother-in-law, Shedrick (Jamie) Foster; thirteen grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters-Ella Mae, Jenice, Valerie, and Latanya-and one brother, Willie.

Ernest will be remembered for his faith, his devotion to family, his unwavering support for his community, and his quiet spirit that touched all who knew him.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mc Michael AME Church  
13015 Mc Michael Church Road  
Amite, LA 70422

## Service

AUG 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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13015 Mc Michael Church Road  
Amite, LA 70422

## Interment

SEP 3. 9:00 AM (CT)

Southeast La Veterans Cemetery  
34888 Grantham College Dr  
Slidell , LA 70460

# Tribute Wall

KP

“ I love you from Cali Perkins family. Miss you and sending hugs and kisses.

Kimberly P - August 30, 2025 at 11:54 PM

PL

“ Deepest Condolences to the Perkins family 🙏🙏

Pam Lazard - August 29, 2025 at 11:05 AM

EB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May God comfort you in the time of need. Love Earnest, Pam, Angie, Nisha Brown & Family. 🙏🙏🙏

Earnest Brown - August 28, 2025 at 10:34 PM

RF

“ Ruth P Woods Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Ernest Melvin Perkins.



Ruth P Woods Family - August 26, 2025 at 04:13 PM

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“ Tulane MBA Class of 2025 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Ernest Melvin Perkins.



Tulane MBA Class of 2025 - August 25, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Ernest Melvin Perkins.

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August 22, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ Travis Tague & Omni Royal Orleans Staff purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Ernest Melvin Perkins.



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**Travis Tague & Omni Royal Orleans Staff** - August 22, 2025 at 12:41 PM