



Luke Aaron Perkins

February 10, 1963 - May 29, 2021

2 Samuel 3:3 says, "...Do you not realize that a prince and a great man has fallen this day..."

With these words, King David, of the Old Testament paid tribute to one of his military commanders who died. This tribute to a remarkable man also summarizes our feelings about the passing of Luke Aaron Perkins.

Luke was born February 10, 1963. He was the first-born son to Richard and Sandra Perkins in Spokane, Washington. Even as a toddler, Luke was drawn to anything affiliated with electricity. His first word was, "light." Luke's wonder at electrical wiring was evident throughout his childhood; he studied the wiring in their family home while it was being built and would trace power lines throughout the cities that he lived in. As a teen, he opted for his own electrical workbench in his bedroom; on it he learned the skills that would build a foundation for his career. At the age of 11 he designed a security system which earned him first prize in the citywide science fair.

Luke followed his passion for electronics and graduated from his father's alma mater, the University of Texas, with a BS in Electrical Engineering. While in University, Luke worked on the electronics of the Challenger in Houston, TX. Luke went on to have a successful career as a Professional Engineer. While working for Ford Motor Company, he was named "Inventor of the Year" in 1995. He earned this status based on his design and the development of the Ford Smart Key, which is still used to this day! Incredibly, Luke went on to be granted four other patents in his field of electrical engineering. At the time of

his death, Luke worked as a mixed-signal I.C. design engineer for Analog Devices, where he had worked for more than 20 years.

Luke met and married his best friend and the love of his life, Leslie, in 1985 in Austen, Texas. Shortly after finishing school, they settled in Colorado Springs, CO, a place they called home for the next 27 years. While in CO, they were blessed with their four children—Caleb, Holly, Lindsey and Hilary. He faithfully severed his church and Camp Como by dedicating countless weekends towards electrical projects that needed to be accomplished, often taking his children with him, so they could learn about his passion for electrical work.

Luke and Leslie have also been blessed with four grandchildren—Bella, David, Samuel, and Hannah. Luke delighted in being a father and grandfather. Until his dying day, he devoted his time to his family.

Luke can be characterized as someone who never settled, he spent his free time developing new skills and discovering new passions. Whatever he put his hands to, he held his work to the highest of standards. He was a licensed private pilot with an instrument rating, a HAM radio operator, an audio engineer, a beekeeper, a vocalist, a motorcyclist and an accomplished photographer. Luke had a very generous spirit, he used any of his skills to glorify the kingdom of God. Throughout his life, Luke donated over 10 gallons on blood to the local hospital. In 2006, he made the decision to become an altruistic kidney donor; blessing the lives of 3 recipients. When Luke and Leslie relocated to California in 2012, he immersed himself into serving his church by leading weekly bible studies and sound engineering. He also used his photography skills to bless anyone attending special events, with individual portraits. He also had an adventurous spirit: he spent winters skiing the slopes of Alaska and Colorado, and summers hiking and canoeing. He also had a passion for maritime and cruised more than 100 days around the world with his wife and children. When he wasn't on a cruise, he would study cruises and watch live video feeds of ports and track ships around the world.

Perhaps Luke's greatest attribute would be his unwavering faith in God.

Throughout his challenging illness he continued to be faithful to his Lord and

Savior, who was faithful to him. Even when understanding his life would end, he still uttered praises to his Lord and Savior. One of his favorite sayings was “God is good ALL the time, and ALL the time God is good!” There is no doubt that Luke was welcomed with the Lord saying, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Luke died on May 29, 2021 after losing his 18-month battle with cancer. Luke was devoted to God and guided his family to also follow his Savior’s principles. His loving and generous leadership as a husband and father was framed by one of his favorite verses, Joshua 24:15, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

In recognition to the many selfless gifts made to others in Luke’s life, contributions to the American Cancer Society or a donation of blood in his name would be appreciated by the family.

To watch the live stream please visit <https://live.campbellchurch.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Talbot Bible Church
9114 Chapel Road
Easton, MD

Memorial Service

JUL 17. 1:00 AM (PT)

Campbell Church of Christ
1075 Campbell Ave
Campbell , CA 95008
<https://campbellchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Luke Aaron Perkins*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Luke Aaron Perkins*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Luke Aaron Perkins*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I am terribly saddened to learn of Lukes passing. He was a great friend and mentor to me while I was serving in the Army in Colorado Springs. I attended church with he and his wife Leslie. I have had many dinners and even house sat for them. They truly opened their home and hearts to me and I am forever thankful that I was blessed to know them.*

*Jody K. Callahan
Maj U.S. Army
Infantry (ret)*

Jody Callahan - April 27, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you and your family members over Luke's passing. Looks like you are handling everything well and I believe that your faith in God plays a large part.*

larty Huck - July 17, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Luke Aaron Perkins.*



July 13, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Diane Wright & Jennifer McClure purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Luke Aaron Perkins.*



Diane Wright & Jennifer McClure - June 11, 2021 at 11:28 AM



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Greg Manlove - June 10, 2021 at 06:52 PM

GM

This is a group photo from 2011 in Colorado Springs. Luke worked for Linear Technology (the sign behind us) for over 20 years.

Greg Manlove - June 10, 2021 at 06:56 PM

SP

Thank you Greg for this posting. Will we see you at the Memorial at Campbell today at 1:00pm?

Sandra J. Perkins - July 17, 2021 at 11:26 AM

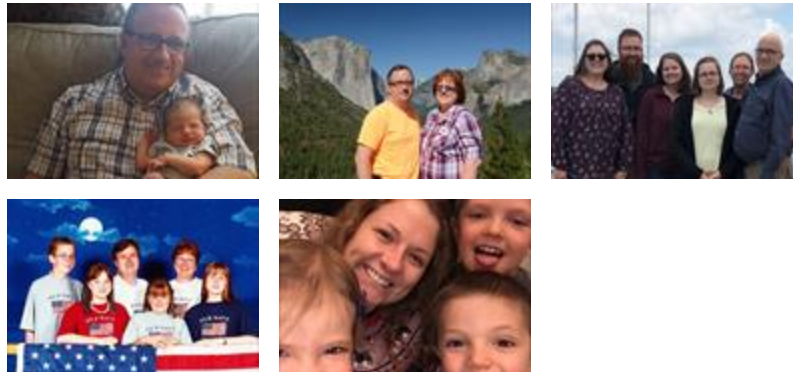
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“ When asked how he was doing, Luke always replied he was doing great. Will miss my brother but he is with the Lord and doing better than great.

Tom Frechette - June 10, 2021 at 12:25 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 06, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ As Luke's older sister, I have had the pleasure of knowing him since Day One. I recall his toddler days when he loved to hear his daddy strum the ukulele and sing, "She'll be coming 'Round the Mountain." That began his life long love of upbeat 'guitar music.' Luke had a robust, energetic voice which was delightful to be around. I liked attending church services together so I could hear his rich tenor singing.

Luke had the ability to focus totally on whomever he engaged in conversation. His personal strengths were matched with his incredible mind and wide ranging abilities. I feel he was the epitome of a modern-day Renaissance man. For his hobbies ranged from being a pilot with instrument rating to operating a HAM radio to keeping bees as well as being an audio engineer. His photography captured spectacular nature scenes as well as flattering portraits. I never saw Luke fail to go the extra mile in providing generously for those in his immediate and extended family. He had a special connection with his dad and mom. And made it a priority to provide special memories for our mom in the years following our father's death. I will always remember a time when he supported me following my son's diagnosis of a serious illness. Once the grim prognosis was shared, Luke packed up his family and trekked across the country so that my husband and I would not have to experience our crisis alone. His support at that time remains meaningful to this day.

Luke leaves us with a tremendous legacy. His faith in His Lord and Savior was unwavering even in the days of discovering his life would end sooner than anticipated. At a time when Luke's advancing cancer made breathing a difficult task, he still choked out his continuing belief in the goodness of God. He was my brother as well as my hero. Pam Perkins Ross



Pamela Ross - June 05, 2021 at 09:04 PM

SP

Thank you for your gracious tribute of your brother, we will all miss him so much. Thankful that he is with the Lord and no longer suffering. I have wonderful children. A Mother should never have to say goodbye to one of her children. Luke I hear your baritone voice singing praises with the angels to our God! 😊❤️

Saundra J. Perkins - June 05, 2021 at 11:26 PM

RW

So many others and myself loved Luke and your whole family very much. I am praying for all of you in your loss and grief. I do rejoice in Luke's triumph now of being welcomed to his real home we all await one day. Yes, in our estimation he left all of you too soon. God be with you always.

Randall Williams - June 06, 2021 at 08:32 AM

SP

My loving 3 children: Pam, Luke & Jim. We all miss Luke, he was such a vital part in our lives and the lives of his loving wife, his children and grandchildren and of course the many friends he made in his life. Rest in peace Dear Luke.

Saundra J Perkins - June 09, 2021 at 10:03 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 05, 2021 at 11:26 AM