

MARVIN R. PERKINS



While worship music filled the living room of his home, Dr. Marvin R. Perkins stepped into Heaven Friday, March 25, 2022. Marvin was born at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana, nine days before his beloved wife, Sharon. Marvin's parents, G. Glenn and



Fern Perkins were pastors in several towns in Indiana, and eventually relocated to Palm Harbor, Florida, where Marvin graduated from Clearwater High School.

With 17 earned college degrees including doctoral degrees in Divinity, Theology and Biblical Science from International Seminary, it may be evident that Marvin loved science, math and a good "discussion." Bisected by a short time serving his country in the US Army during the Vietnam Conflict, Marvin worked at Honeywell Aerospace as a systems engineer from 1967-1971, and as Space Shuttle Electronics Manager from 1971-1974. He worked as a production and development engineer at Abbott Pharmaceutical from 1974-1975 and moved his family to Hilliard when he took a position with the Federal Aviation Administration in 1975.

While working for the FAA, Marvin was an integral part of the Air Traffic Control National Airspace System (NAS) Implementation Team, which developed, planned, and tested the new Advanced Automation computer, radar and satellite systems created to update and modernize air traffic control and airway facilities services.

He loved to teach: whether at work, by teaching Sunday School and leading an extension college program at Evangel Temple Assembly of God in Jacksonville, or by simply grabbing the closest napkin to illustrate something - particularly while his children were waiting for Sunday dinner.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart, Sharon Perkins; his "favorite" daughter Shanda Perkins and "favorite" son Brennan (Amanda) Perkins; grandsons Kyle and Tristan, and Amanda's children, Savanna and Joshua; brothers James (Bobbie) Perkins and Gary Perkins; sister-in-law Karen Perkins; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by and he will be particularly missed by his niece, April Upchurch, who held a special place in his heart; and his best buddy, his dog Baron.

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." – Psalm 73:24, KJV

The family will receive friends from 12-1 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at Hilliard First Assembly of God prior to the memorial service at 1 p.m. If you are able to attend, please feel free to wear Marvin's favorite color, blue.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Hilliard First Assembly of God.