



## Eric Neil Perkins

November 21, 1959 - August 15, 2014

Eric Neil Perkins, 54, of Pendleton passed away at home on August 15 from a sudden heart attack.

Eric was born in Anderson, on November 21, 1959 and lived in the Madison County area his entire life.

A 1978 graduate of Highland High School, he also attended Purdue University. He retired from Sallie Mae as a computer system analyst in 2013 following 27 years of service and had recently been employed part time at Symmes Auction Company. He attended Madison Park Church of God.

Eric was an avid sports fan, particularly IU basketball, Notre Dame football, the Chicago Bears and the Cincinnati Reds. He loved fishing, the outdoors, and his family and friends. He was competitive, generous with his time, and the friend of nearly everyone he met.

Eric is survived by his wife of 22 years, Anne Pfeiffer Perkins; his son Zachary (Leslie) Perkins of Indianapolis; brother David (Ariel) Perkins of Indianapolis; aunts and uncles Marilyn Vandergrift, Norma Weston, Jim (Susie) Perkins, Sheila Green; step-mother Trudy Perkins; father-in-law Bill Pfeiffer; and many cousins, in-laws and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents William (Bill) John and Patty Cunningham Perkins, and grandparents.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2014 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd St. Anderson, Indiana.

Services will be at 11:30 am Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at the funeral home.

Burial will take place in Anderson Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, or to a charity of the Donor's Choice.

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# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

6805 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Anderson, IN 46013

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory  
200 W 53rd St  
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info@loosecares.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BA

“ Eric always enjoyed having the last joke (Usually it was on you) but never to hurt anyone. He had such a huge heart and loved and protected Anne with every ounce of it. I am so proud of Anne almost five weeks later.

*I believe Eric has that smirking grin all over his beautiful face. You did good Eric. You should be so proud. Thank you for all of your kindness. You are loved.*

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**Barbara** - September 25, 2014 at 09:29 PM

SB

“ Like others have already shared - many of us who have had long careers with Sallie Mae hold a special place in our heart for Eric. What a guy. Unpretentious, caring, helpful, and yes - a complete joker. he often lightened the atmosphere when the stress kicked in. I feel sad that his family will have to put the brave face on without him, but i will feel honored to have known him.

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**Scott Burgin** - August 21, 2014 at 02:29 PM

JN

“ Anne, I am so sorry to hear of Eric's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Julie Nevitt** - August 20, 2014 at 09:49 AM

NG

“ So sorry to hear of Eric's passing. My thoughts are with Anne and the family.

*Nancy Grembowicz*

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**Nancy Grembowicz** - August 19, 2014 at 05:19 PM

KO

“ Anne, I'm so sorry to hear of this, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
--Karyn Ogin

Karyn Ogin - August 19, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ Cup of Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eric Neil Perkins.



August 19, 2014 at 10:55 AM

MO

“ Worked with Eric and Anne at Sallie Mae. Eric is truly a great man. Everyone will miss him. May God fill Anne's heart, love, and mind with the beautiful memories they shared.

Mary O'Malley

Mary O'Malley - August 19, 2014 at 07:31 AM



“ John Arnold purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Eric Neil Perkins.



John Arnold - August 18, 2014 at 08:52 PM

DM

“ I first met Eric playing softball with some other friends from USA Funds. We spent many a fun filled evening together after games, and hanging out with Anne. There are so many fond memories of those times, and some very competitive games of Super Tecmo Bowl.

*The statement "friend to everyone he met" could not be more true. A truly great person and I am saddened that we did not get a chance to see each other more the last few years.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with Anne and the entire family. Please know we are thinking of you and offer support in anyway needed. We will be sending a donation to the American Heart Association in his honor.*

*Sincerely,  
Darin, Angie, Lucy, and Liza Martin*

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**Darin Martin** - August 18, 2014 at 08:47 PM

MH

“ Mark and I worked with Eric years ago and have such good (and fun) memories of Eric. Our hearts are heavy with his passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ann and Eric's family during this difficult time.

*Mark and Lori Heinzman*

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**Mark & Lori Heinzman** - August 18, 2014 at 03:48 PM

TH

“ Worked with Eric and Anne for many years at SallieMae. So upset about this loss. Praying for Anne and family. Eric will be missed by everyone Terri Hoffman

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**Terri Hoffman** - August 18, 2014 at 03:06 PM

KW

“ *Kathy and Rod Leatherbury, Barbara Wilhelm purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Eric Neil Perkins.*



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**Kathy and Rod Leatherbury, Barbara Wilhelm** - August 18, 2014 at 01:37 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Eric Neil Perkins.*



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August 18, 2014 at 11:19 AM

JN

“ *I loved working with Eric. Man could tell a good story...didnt matter what it was about, fishing, gambling, or mowing the grass! WOW- he will be missed! See ya Little Buddy!*

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**Jen Neumeister** - August 18, 2014 at 10:28 AM

CC

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Eric many years ago (our first jobs as teenagers) at Ponderosa Steakhouse. Every shift with Eric was one we all knew would be filled with laughter.....he was so kind to everyone and just an all around amazing person that will be missed by many. The news of Eric's passing at such a young age drives home just how short life is and to always live every moment to the fullest !*



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**Christian Casey-McDonald** - August 18, 2014 at 09:16 AM

JO

“ Eric and Lanny moved into the desks across the aisle from me; no matter how much I was stressed by work, I could count on them to give me a hard time and make me smile. After Lanny left SallieMae, Eric took up the slack and made sure to give me a double hard time. He was a good listener, and always willing to give me advice when things were going tough. And not just me, he did the same for many others here at Sallie Mae. The world is better for him having been here and for touching so many lives in a positive way.

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**Joan** - August 18, 2014 at 08:01 AM

CA

“ I worked with Eric when I first came to USA Group as a "greenie" programmer 21 years ago. He was a hard worker but always made me laugh. He will be missed greatly. Cara

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**Cara** - August 18, 2014 at 07:57 AM

LR

“ I worked with Eric at USA Group/Sallie Mae for many years. He was one of the "good guys" and I could always count on him with his positive and "can do" attitude. He took his job seriously, but never so much that he didn't also keep it fun. He will be missed.  
...Linda Rowand

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**Linda Rowand** - August 18, 2014 at 07:55 AM

JW

“ I remember playing many a pickup basketball game with Eric at the Sallie Mae basket ball court. I always preferred him on my team and setting hard picks opposed to him blocking my shots. He was a kind man with a big heart and one sweet jump shot.  
Wilmo

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**Jeff Wilmington** - August 18, 2014 at 07:38 AM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Eric Neil Perkins.*



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August 17, 2014 at 04:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eric Neil Perkins.*



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August 17, 2014 at 12:19 PM



“ *Eric was a special person who I had the pleasure to work with for many years. He was always good at his job but perhaps his most special quality is that he made work fun. He never took himself or others too seriously which I believe is a great quality. Eric, you will be missed by many.*

*Fritz Strack*

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**Fritz Strack** - August 17, 2014 at 12:01 PM

RA

“ I will always remember the impact Eric had on me and my career. He was generous with his knowledge, his humor and his time.

*I will never forget sitting next to he and Lanny at the blackjack table in Las Vegas. As day turned into night, large stacks of chips turned into much smaller stacks but the laughs and the stories we shared made up for the lost income.*

*Rest well, my friend.*

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**Ryan Ashby** - August 16, 2014 at 10:31 PM



“ Three weeks ago, Eric and I went to Hoosier park and the first machine we sat down at, he won 220 free spins, I just sat there and watched him win! It was awesome. I truly enjoyed sitting and talking with him, I was very fortunate to work with Eric and to know him was like having a brother. The world lost a really good one with him passing, but I am sure god has big plans for him in heaven. Sure am going to miss having his ear to listen to my insignificant problems. :(



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**John Arnold** - August 16, 2014 at 09:40 PM

MB

“ One of my favorite memories of Eric was seeing him, Lanny, Sam and Jerry coming down the hall ... I knew I was usually in for trouble or a tease. Then Mike Jeffers, Sam, Eric and Lanny, one of which (usually Mike) would put these big, ugly plastic roach-looking bugs on my computer, just to watch me scream! Eric was always right there if we needed system help with our deadlines. What a wonderful guy, family man and friend. A void that will never be filled. God Bless his family. ??????



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**Marilyn Barker** - August 16, 2014 at 09:36 PM

SA

“ Eric was my best man at my wedding in Oct 2013 and one of the greatest men that I have ever known. I will always remember our Notre Dame football games, talking sports high, college, professional, and many lunches we shared together..... I have lost two great friends, Mike Jeffers and now Eric.

God must have needed him to come home before football started....

I will miss him dearly....

Sam

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**sam** - August 16, 2014 at 08:20 PM

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**sam** - August 16, 2014 at 08:11 PM

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**Sam** - August 16, 2014 at 07:52 PM

LT

“ *The loss of this man leaves a giant hole in my heart. I loved him as if he were my brother. I will miss him so.*

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**Lanny T** - August 16, 2014 at 03:47 PM