



## John M. Perry

October 22, 1928 - January 10, 2022

John M Perry, 93 of Kansas City and formerly of Brookfield, passed away January 10, 2022 at the St. Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City, MO.

Johnny Mc Perry, son of Joseph Benjamin Perry and Eunice Bell McDuffee Perry, was born October 22, 1928 in Shelby County, MO. John's mother passed away in 1934 leaving John's father and three young children. His father married Alta Collett with whom he had three more children. Together they raised their six children on the family farm near Leonard, Missouri.

John attended the University of Missouri for 8 years and received an animal husbandry degree and veterinary medicine doctorate. John was a member of FarmHouse Fraternity, Ag Club, and Brock and Bridle where he won the Little International competition. Alumni service included Jefferson Club Board of Trustee, MASA, and decades of football and basketball game faithful attendance. His college years were interrupted by serving two years as an Army 2nd Lieutenant in Germany.

On August 3, 1952 John married Charlotte Taylor in Shelbina, MO. They lived in Columbia, MO during the first years of their marriage. Upon completion of vet school, they moved to Brookfield in 1959 where they raised four children. John was a member of the Brookfield First Christian Church where he served on the Board of Elders, Board Chair, and was honored as Elder Emeritus. He was affectionately called "Doc Perry" as he practiced veterinary medicine for 32 years. He was a member of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, North Central Missouri Veterinary

Medical Association, Missouri State Board of Veterinary Examinations, and was a past president of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association and Missouri Simmental Association. He was named Missouri Veterinarian of the year in 1974. John was inducted into the Missouri Veterinary Medical Association Hall of Fame and Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame. John was a member of the Brookfield Elks Lodge, Brookfield Rotary Club, and served on numerous other boards, agencies, chapters, and associations in Brookfield, and across Linn County and Missouri. Charlotte preceded John in death on March 26, 1990.

On July 20, 1991 John married Joan Caldwell Allison in Marceline, MO. They made their home in Brookfield where both remained active in retirement with social, volunteer, and church activities, grandkids, and travels. Joan preceded him in death on April 30, 2020.

In recent years John enjoyed spending time with his family and playing bridge. John was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather with a ready story and smile.

John is survived by his children, Jean Eggerman and Leslie of Brookfield, MO; Janet Herdman and Jim of Kansas City, MO; Julie Davis and Tom of Overland Park, KS; and Joe Perry and Chuck Hitzeman of Kansas City, MO; one brother, George Perry of St. Louis, MO; eight grandchildren, Kevin Eggerman and Erin, Katie Blount and Lucas, Anna Davis and Cory Perry, Andy Herdman and fiancée Makala Johnson, Taylor Monley and Corey, Olivia Perry, Ella Perry, and Jack Perry, five great grandchildren, Zane Blackburn, Aiden Blackburn, Sydney Blackburn, Lyra Perry, and Charlotte Blount; three stepchildren John Ed Allison and Julia Miller, Jeff Allison and Jim Lomax, Susan Mayers and Ronnie; six step grandchildren Deirdre, Melanie, JR, Erin, Mason, and Grahm, and numerous other cherished relatives and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his parents, wives Charlotte and Joan, stepson Scott, two brothers Bob and Pete, and two sisters Elaine Harvey and Carol Hammond.

There will be a private funeral service. The family welcomes friends and

extended family to join the service through a live Facebook broadcast at 11:00 am. Saturday, January 22, 2022, on the Brookfield First Christian Church Facebook page. Services are under the direction of the Rhodes Funeral Home, Brookfield, MO. Memorial donations can be made to the Brookfield Christian Church, 4-H Foundation for the Linn County 4-H and FFA Fair, or the Saint Luke's Hospice House in Kansas City. They can be left at or mailed to the Rhodes Funeral Home, 216 Linn Street, Brookfield, MO 64628. Online condolences can be made at [www.rhodesfh.com](http://www.rhodesfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Private Funeral Service

JAN **22** (CT)

First Christian Church  
1416 North Main St.  
Brookfield, MO 64628

# Tribute Wall



“ John was a second Dad to me, as all of my memories as a young child forward included the Perry family. Our families were close personal friends from the time we moved to Brookfield in the early 60's. I always enjoyed visiting with John even after my parents moved to KC in 1980 and I would return to visit, attend class reunions, weddings and funerals. He always welcomed me into his home and I was just "part of the family." I'm so grateful that I got a chance to see him at Julie's 60th birthday dinner on December 20th, because it was my last chance to give him a hug. He will certainly be missed.

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**Julie Newbold** - January 23, 2022 at 02:01 PM

“ Thank you to all who logged in to watch the service today. My daughter started this video from inside the church as soon as we learned the audio was not working. We hope you enjoy listening.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KWDrZeWMiXLFjwoBalcDr8rh9tAdrnJp/view?usp=drivesdk>

Thank you for remembering our sweet father.

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**Julie Perry Davis** - January 22, 2022 at 11:01 PM

“ Uncle John joined our family by his marriage to my Aunt Joan. He was a great conversationalist, very interesting and kind and a very good man. He will be missed by so many including the Allison "kids" and the many Caldwell cousins!

Jill Brown

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**Jill Brown** - January 21, 2022 at 03:56 PM

MU

“ I am sorry for the loss of a wonderful man and cousin. Johnny Mc left me with many memories from years back. First when I graduated from college he helped set me up for an interview with Brookfield Schools and then we had lunch at his house. I didn't take the teaching job, but he and Charlotte and family were very kind, He attended my father's funeral and said how he admired him and thought he was smart. That meant a lot to me as I admired him. He made a positive difference in many peoples lives. Margery Jarrell Utterback

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**Margery Jarrell Utterback** - January 21, 2022 at 03:38 PM

RW

“ Sending our condolences to the family. We are sure he will be deeply missed. We were so blessed to be neighbors to this wonderful man. Such a good soul. Was always encouraging and helpful and ready to share his funny stories and wisdom. He believed in us and the Barger family that we could grow his garden. We failed but it was just fine with him. Always ready to give everyone another try at life. Gods blessings on this family and may all our prayers for John and this family bring comfort. Roger and Cindy Walsh.

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**Roger Walsh** - January 20, 2022 at 08:57 AM

SM

“ We are sorry to learn of Dr. Perry's passing.  
Sharol and Ron McMullin

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**Sharol and Ron McMullin** - January 19, 2022 at 11:15 AM

JF

“ Some of my most cherished memories of Doc. Perry are the times in the neighborhood when all the kids were at everybody's houses, the times he would let us go to his Vet office, to his patience in teaching us to water ski. He was a wonderful friend. My love to the family 💔 💔 💔

Jana Miller Fleckenstine - January 16, 2022 at 05:01 PM

LR

“ so sorry to hear of Dr. Perry's passing

Loren and Gayla Ross - January 15, 2022 at 11:50 PM

JP

“ 3 files added to the album Family Photos



Joe Perry - January 15, 2022 at 11:45 AM

CS

“ Cindy Sherman lit a candle in memory of John M. Perry



Cindy Sherman - January 14, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *Doc was always there to help us with our dogs. He loved big dogs and Andy and Jackson Rose loved him too. Please know that your dad was one of Brookfield's best.*  
*Jennifer Rose Stipetich*

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**Jennifer Stipetich** - January 13, 2022 at 10:00 PM

KB

“ *Condolences to the Perry family. My parents played bridge with John and Charlotte for many years after we moved to Brookfield in 1969. I remember Doc Perry as such a calming person in general and the picture of a level headed Gentleman. My mother continued to stay close to the family after losing my dad in 2001 and their social impact on her was a huge blessing for many years. She played a lot of bridge with Joan in later years and enjoyed the intellectual discussions with both of them.*

*As I mentioned to Joe, Celebrate an amazing life lived to the fullest. We are all lucky to have the legacy of the amazing family John Perry made part of our lives.*

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**Kevin Brown** - January 13, 2022 at 08:20 PM

DM

“ *Dear family of Doc Perry, and Olivia,  
I met Doc late in life at the Bridge Room in Chillicothe. I'm sorry to say this, as he must have been a fine human being, kind, polite, generous with his time & resources.  
And he was quite a good bridge player!  
He will certainly be missed by family, friends, and his church, and community. He leaves a legacy difficult to duplicate.  
Please accept our most sincere sympathy.  
David & Darla Macoubrie*

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**David & Darla Macoubrie** - January 13, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Dr. Perry was a kind and loving man toward anyone who crossed his path. He could make a friend easily. We are so grateful we got to cross paths with John on this Earth. Love and sympathy go out to the wonderful Perry family.*

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**Maureen Purcell** - January 13, 2022 at 05:43 PM

DS

“ *Our condolences to the Perry family on their loss. I will always cherish the memories of the many talks Doc and I had about Mizzou Football. He shall be missed.*  
*David and Linda Shaw*

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**David R. Shaw** - January 13, 2022 at 03:46 PM

JH

“ *Doc .Perry was a gentleman family man a fine veterinarian and a great breeder of superior Simmental cattle. I helped many of his champion cattle. Heaven has gained one of God's superior shepherds*

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**johnnie hook** - January 13, 2022 at 03:08 PM

CS

“ *Our condolences to the Perry family on the passing of Dr. Perry. He was a fine man.*

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**Carl & Rhonda Smith** - January 13, 2022 at 02:19 PM

MC

“ *Dr. Perry was a nice Man and easy to talk to. We will all miss him.*

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**Mary Alice Carpenter** - January 13, 2022 at 07:09 AM

EH

“ A lifetime of memories with Uncle Johnny and all the Perry family. In more recent years, our two sons most remember many days hanging out at his home listening to stories, eating food Joan would fix just for them, and naps on their back porch. Aunt Charlotte and he were my parents (Bob & Kathleen) best friends and hosts in Columbia during their courtship. Our entire Perry family lost a patriarch. We are so glad his final days were comfortable and surrounded by his wonderful children. Love to you all! Eunice & Greg, JR and Joe.



Eunice Perry Harris - January 12, 2022 at 09:29 PM

JH

I am so, blessed to have many wonderful memories with John and his entire family! Most took place at my service at the Vet Clinic. But much later in my life, they took place after i married his niece, Eunice. As i think back, John was such a rock, a soft-spoken gentleman, always kind. He was always able to speak the truth with mercy. And speak thought-provoking corrections with grace. Always with perfect balance between those two guideposts. And after our boys were born, i took to calling him Uncle John. A title, I would like to think, he was proud to be called, as I was delighted to say.

And in closing, a vet clinic story. Id load up the meds or vaccines he ordered for a morning call, I'd get the bucket with Ro-Cal solution in the front floorboard, and off we would go. Back then, we would be in his old, green Ford truck, most times with 3 people. And since I was the youngest, I'd be in the middle. John liked his coffee, and he always took a cup with him in the morning. As John started driving, he would hold that hot cup of coffee next to the steering wheel. But as we got farther out into the country, driving on gravel roads and going around corners. I noticed that his hot cup of java gradually migrated over my lap. I would have to politely remind him that his coffee was in a precarious spot. He would correct the coffee's placement, smile, and chuckle.....and off we go.

John Gregory Harris - January 23, 2022 at 03:19 PM

SH

“ *Enjoy all the times we had family dinner at their house and he took his sister on a nice vacation* ”



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**Sue Harvey** - January 12, 2022 at 05:36 PM