



Irm Perkins

September 25, 1934 - November 1, 2024

Memorial services celebrating the life of Irmgard "Irm" Perkins, age 90 of Deer Creek, will be held at 11:00a.m. on Friday, November 8, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek, MN with Pastor Don Wagner presiding. Friends and family may gather at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery at Deer Creek will be held at a later date.

Irm passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024. In the spirit of serving others, she donated herself to the University of Minnesota Anatomy Bequest Program in Minneapolis for educational and medical research.

Irmgard "Irm" Anna Perkins was born to John & Anna (Hasse) Meyer on September 25, 1934, in Leaf Lake Township, Ottertail County, MN. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Henning. She completed her early education in a one-room schoolhouse (District 119 in Leaf Lake Township) where the teacher spoke only English. Irm's older brother, Alfred, learned it, then taught the German-speaking Meyer family the new language. Irm attended Henning High School, graduating with the class of 1952. After receiving her RN degree from Fairview Hospital School of Nursing in 1955, she was employed at Fairview for a year, followed by several years at Wesley Hospital in Wadena.

On November 17, 1956, Irm married Chuck Perkins and began their life in an old house on a recently purchased farm in Deer Creek, MN. Irm managed the household, tended and preserved food from the garden, and helped Chuck with the daily milking and other farm chores. Twelve years and four children

later, they built a new home with indoor plumbing that included a commode, bathtub, and running hot water. Irm lived on the farm until September of this year.

The Perkins were members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Deer Creek, where Irm was involved with Sunday School, LWML, and choir. She was a charter member of the Morning Glories Garden Club, a 4-H leader, and a twenty-year “pink lady” volunteer at Tri-County Hospital. In a final act of giving, Irm donated her body to science and research at the University of Minnesota. Irm enjoyed cultivating a beautiful yard and flower garden. Music, reading, embroidery, and her family were lifelong passions.

Survivors include her children: Ruth (Terry) Schmeckpeper, Wayne (Lisa) Perkins, Dale (Ann) Perkins, Jean (George) Conkle; grandchildren: Katie (Joe) Behnke, Becki (Josh) Koepsell, Stephanie (Ethan) Yungbauer, Amanda Perkins, Hanna (Chad) Peterson, Caleb (Abby) Bigham, Elizabeth (Matt) Thompson, and Sam (Nicole) Tripp; along with great-grandchildren: Nick, Zach, Garrett, Aiden, Ollie, Livvie, William, Patrick, and Leah, with Sophie expected in January; brother, Delbert (Jan) Meyer; sister, Lorene Rector; and sister-in-law, Mary Jane Meyer.

Irm is preceded in death by her husband, Chuck, (2018); daughter-in-law, Lori Perkins; sister, Rosie Olson; brother, Alfred Meyer; brothers-in-law: Waren Rector, Roy Olson, Vernon Schlichting and Bill Babb; and sisters-in-law, Miriam Schlichting and Dorothy Babb.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

30301 550th Ave.
(1 mile west and 1.5 miles north)
Deer Creek, MN 56527

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church - Deer Creek
208 N. Clark St.
Deer Creek, MN 56527

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ I remember Irm and Chuck as two very warm and friendly people.
My heartfelt condolences to all of the Perkins Families!

Thomas Stelljes - November 23, 2024 at 06:12 PM

VJ

“ Vicki Jahnke lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins



Vicki Jahnke - November 11, 2024 at 10:45 AM

RF

“ My dad, Bob Ball, and I are thinking of you all.
Irm was such a kind, lovely woman, whom we
will miss! Roberta (Ball) Freeman



Roberta Freeman - November 07, 2024 at 09:26 PM

AF

“ Alan and Esther Freitag lit a candle in
memory of Irm Perkins



Alan and Esther Freitag - November 07, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RS

Thank you!

Ruth Schmeckpeper - November 10, 2024 at 06:32 PM

DB

“ *Perkin family you are all in our prayers. Your mom was such a wonderful person. Trent always lovde to pick rock or help out at your place. He always came home to tell us of the great food that she made. We still make Trent's favorite hot dish that Irm made. Hugs to all of you.*

Dale and Jackie Becker

Dale and Jackie Becker - November 06, 2024 at 05:36 PM

NA

“ *My condolences to all of the Perkin Families. Whenever I got to see Irm she always asked how I was doing with a smile! Nancy (Layman) Salquist*



Nancy - November 06, 2024 at 04:32 PM

RS

Thank you, Nancy! I got to see Tom, Randy, and Elaine at the funeral.

Ruth Schmeckpeper - November 10, 2024 at 06:35 PM

DD

“ *Wayne, you were blessed to have such a great mom! She always had a smile for us. Great person.*

Dennis Druar - November 06, 2024 at 11:12 AM

RC

“ *Roberta Carlson lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins*



Roberta Carlson - November 05, 2024 at 08:44 PM

BO

“ *Irm impacted my life greatly! Her constant investment in my life of the small things to being a teacher of example in living life to the fullest has never gone unnoticed! I never made so many pans of lasagna while being critiqued doing a food demonstration that Ruth and I won a State Fair prize! She always wanted to know what was going on in my life and the life of our family! Her tender heart was as beautiful as her garden! What a JOY to know she is now singing in the Heavenly choir!!*



Brenda Ohman - November 05, 2024 at 04:53 PM

RS

What a beautiful message.

Ruth Schmeckpeper - November 10, 2024 at 06:36 PM

SM

“ *My sympathies to you Wayne on the loss of your mother! She always had a smile on her face.*

Sandy Meyer - November 04, 2024 at 04:16 PM



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

November 04, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irm Perkins.



November 04, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ God Bless the Perkins family during this difficult time. May the fond memories of the time spent with Irm continue to bring you joy and happiness. She and Chuck were wonderful people and I will remember them both fondly.

Garry D Grewe - November 04, 2024 at 09:51 AM



Thank you!

Ruth Schmeckpeper - November 10, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins



Glen Donna Wood - November 03, 2024 at 10:27 PM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with her at church gatherings . She and Chuck were great neighbors . Always ready to help out with anything. Prayers to the family, Steve and Pam Blevins



Steve and Pam Blevins - November 03, 2024 at 10:20 PM

RS

Thank you!

Ruth Schmeckpeper - November 10, 2024 at 06:38 PM

LH

“ I worked with Irm as her hospice nurse. She was simply an amazing person. I will always remember her!

Lloyd Halaney - November 03, 2024 at 08:32 PM

RS

Lloyd, you were her favorite. You did so much to help her regain hope, mobility, and strength. Thank you!

Ruth Schmeckpeper - November 04, 2024 at 08:48 AM

EF

“ Esther and Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins



Esther and Alan Freitag - November 03, 2024 at 01:06 PM

KM

“ *Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins*



Karen Munson - November 03, 2024 at 08:29 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins*



Jon Johnson - November 03, 2024 at 07:51 AM

NP

“ *Nissa Pearson lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins*



Nissa Pearson - November 03, 2024 at 07:02 AM

BB

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Perkins family.*



Bonnie Zeise Brown - November 02, 2024 at 09:53 PM

DK

“ *Debra Koep lit a candle in memory of Irm Perkins*



Debra Koep - November 02, 2024 at 06:05 PM