



## Michael Alan Perry

July 17, 1965 - April 30, 2017

Michael Alan Perry,

Age 51, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, April 30, 2017. He was born in Louisville Kentucky on July 17, 1965 to the late Robert and Barbara Perry. Compassionate and full of life, Michael touched the lives of not only his family and friends but also the community through his time as a story teller, volunteering in community events, playing Santa during Christmas and serving at Allisonville Christian Church. Michael was loving, generous and known for his passion for the Children's ministry at his church. He was a Librarian extraordinaire, "The World's Smallest Giant" storyteller, a proud Trekkie, and a computer genius.

He received his Masters of Library Science at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He worked at Indianapolis Public Library for 25 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years Karen Perry; daughters, Kaitlyn Perry, Meaghan Perry and Paige Cox. Siblings; Melissa Gottman (Brian) and Mark Perry (Pam) and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN. The funeral will be held Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Allisonville Christian Church, 7701 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Indianapolis Library Foundation for Michael Perry Memorial Fund P.O. Box 6134 Indianapolis, Indiana 46206.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
9606 E. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46229  
(317) 897-9606  
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Allisonville Christian Church  
7701 Allisonville Rd  
Indianapolis, IN

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Michael was a precious gift to Allisonville Christian Church with his warm, listening heart and inspiring, insightful, and child- centered stories. During worship his children's stories drew them in. They would snuggle up to him and listen intently. What a guardian angel he was. Now he belongs to the ages. Karen, Kaity, Meagan and Paige, may your fond memories of him sustain you in your grief. Blessings, Karon and Joel Duffield*

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**Karon Duffield** - May 07, 2017 at 03:11 PM



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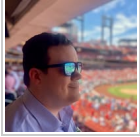
**Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory** - May 04, 2017 at 03:02 PM

 Anton Swartz

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with his friends and family. I spent my summers going to the West Indianapolis Library. He taught me a great many things. Though truly he helped shape me into the individual i am today. He will truly be missed. It was through him i got into gaming and programming. It was through the library i fell in love with the internet at a young age. I never did get to meet up with him again later in life. I wish i had. .. Till we meet again on the other side.*

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**Anton Swartz** - May 04, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *My prayers are with his family. I grew up going to the West Indianapolis Library. He took time out of his day to make sure that my friends and I had access to a room and books for us to play Dungeons and Dragons. He gave me his personal dice set to pass on his love of games and storytelling. He taught me that the story is more important than the rules, and asked me to pass that on to others. My heart is heavy today, but I know that he is getting to see the end to the ultimate story. May we meet again in Aslan's country.*

*Caleb Jensen*

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**Caleb Jensen** - May 04, 2017 at 07:59 AM

TE

“ *My deepest sympathies to Karen and his girls - you all made him so proud and happy! I wish you so much peace and strength in the coming weeks. Carry his love for you forward - he is with you and watching over you.*

*Tami Edminster*

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**Tami Edminster** - May 04, 2017 at 07:56 AM

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“ *My most sincere condolences to the Perry family. Prayers of comfort to you all in this time of grief and sadness. Michael will be missed by many because he touched so many lives and made a friend of everyone he encountered.*

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**Renie Rosier** - May 04, 2017 at 06:23 AM

JA

“ I didn't know you well, and honestly I didn't know your name until today when I found out you are a friend-of-a-friend. But I saw you regularly when you came in to weigh in, and you always had a smile on your face. We chatted about your progress, and you always had something inspirational or motivational to share, and it never felt forced. I could tell it came from your heart, and no matter how stressed we were, or how overloaded the clinic was, you managed to lighten our load with a smile and a kind word. Thank you for being a kind heart, and for pushing me to see the Light in the dark. It seems so small to put it into words, but your impact was so much greater on me. It's no surprise to read through the many comments and stories about how wide your kindness spreads, and how long that light will continue to shine on in the lives you touched. Thank you, truly. Love and prayers to your family.

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**Jackie** - May 03, 2017 at 05:49 PM

MF

“ When I think of Michael I think of the wonderful stories he told the children and adults at Allisionville Christian Church during children's sharing time at the beginning of Sunday morning worship. The children and adults loved hearing his stories. He was a "masterful" story teller. Louie L'Amour (famous western author) once said "I think of myself in the oral tradition - as a troubadour, a village taleteller, the man in the shadows of the campfire. That's the way I'd like to be remembered - as a storyteller. A good storyteller." I believe this quote fits Michael perfectly. Go with God and RIP Michael, you will be sorely missed. Mike McDonald and family

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**Mike McDonald and family** - May 03, 2017 at 02:22 PM

YG

“ Great man! Great father! Great friend! We will miss you Michael!  
Love to his wonderful family

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**Yummy's George** - May 03, 2017 at 11:11 AM

ME

“ I had the pleasure of working with Michael through his work at the Indianapolis Public Library. While we never met in person, every call felt as if we were old friends. I always looked forward to calling Michael and I know he will be missed not only by the vendors he worked with (certainly by me!) , but the colleagues he spent time with every day, and the friends and family he touched throughout his life.

Mark Eaton - May 03, 2017 at 08:31 AM

KD

Michael told wonderful children's stories during our ACC worship services. He could really enter the children's mindset. They would flock around him, snuggle in, and listen intently. They just adored him! We adults of the church adored him too. Our hearts are aching for his wonderful family and our church as we grieve his loss. Blessings on all of you, Karon and Joel Duffield

Karon Duffield - May 03, 2017 at 10:18 AM

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We will miss his laughter his smile and his love. Our condolences to his beautiful family. Rest in peace dear angel❤️

Yummy's George Demetra Lenie Gia and Yan - May 03, 2017 at 10:54 AM

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We loved Michael. Prayers to hid beautiful family. Words cannot describe what a wonderful man he was. Rest in peace dear friend❤️

Yummy's George and Yanni - May 03, 2017 at 10:58 AM

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“ NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY”  
WARM THOUGHTS FROM THE HEART  
SHIRLEY SMITH (LSC)

Shirley Smith (LSC) - May 03, 2017 at 08:25 AM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of Michael. In the time I knew him he was always a generous and caring man. He loved his children and was passionate about books. He actually helped me decide between a Kindle and a Nook - he told me I could get more books from the library on my Kindle. We would bump into each other in the morning getting our Starbucks fix and he even bought my drink a time or two. Whenever I asked about the girls (you too Paige) he always told me all your accomplishments and how proud he was of you all. Losing your father is one of the hardest things but his wonderful memory will always live on. Prayers to you all. Jennifer Burke

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**Jennifer Burke** - May 02, 2017 at 06:59 PM

BJ

“ I had the pleasure of working with Michael for a short time at the public library and did not know him as well as many of my colleagues but he made a lasting impact on me.

*During the last conversation I had with Michael the day before he left on medical leave he came to my office to talk to me about something that to me wasn't important at the time. What was important to me was that he had walked to my office to talk to me and when he came in and landed in the chair he was exhausted and out of breathe. It was during this conversation that he told me about his illness and how severe it was. Michael told me that if I was walking around and saw him sitting somewhere that he was OK and just needed to rest. I told him that if he was sitting somewhere that I would sit with him if he wanted and if he ever fell I would pick him up, he laughed his famous laugh and told me that if he fell it would take more than me to pick him up. I told him that if he needed help with anything to let me know and would be there.*

*Anytime that I spoke to Michael whether in passing, at his E-resources command center at the Library Services Center or in my office he would always refer to me as "Brother" That is what I will remember most about Michael, he treated everyone he met like family.*

*Rest in peace Brother, you will be missed and you will always have a special place in my heart.*

*Brad Johnson- INDYPL Shipping and Receiving*

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**Brad Johnson** - May 02, 2017 at 11:02 AM

FC

“ *From all of us at CMSA purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Michael Alan Perry.*



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**From all of us at CMSA** - May 02, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Alan Perry.*



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May 02, 2017 at 09:09 AM