Funeral Service for Michael W. Perkins
November 13th, 2026
Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, Illinois

Welcome

Prayer

Hymn: “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings—Psalm 23; John 14: 1-6

Sermon: “Trees and The Tree”

Hymn: “How Great Thou Art”

Benediction

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Pastor—Steven Lombardo
Organist—Carol Urton
Pall Bearers: Andrew Monkemeyer, Ryan Lee, Steve Locke, Steve Holter, Kevin Berge, Darin Severson, Mark Myre (honorary)

Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the Family Life Center immediately following the burial service at the Helmar Cemetery.
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Michael Perkins, age 59, of Millbrook, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 7, 2026. He was born on August 7, 1967, in Sandwich, Illinois, the son of William “Bill” Perkins and Shelia (Hodge) Perkins.

On September 19, 1992, Michael married Tina Moeller. Together, they shared 34 wonderful years of marriage, building a life centered around family, hard work, and countless memories. Michael served as president of Winding Creek Nursery, a fourth-generation family business in Millbrook, Illinois, for many years. He took great pride in carrying on the family legacy and was dedicated to seeing it continue for generations to come. Winding Creek Nursery was more than just a business to Michael; it was a family tradition and a reflection of the hard work and dedication passed down through the generations. He genuinely enjoyed helping customers, sharing his knowledge, and answering the many questions people had about plants and gardening. He was always willing to lend a hand, offer advice, and help others find the right plants for their gardens. Above all, Michael was a loving husband, father, son, brother, and uncle who will be deeply missed by his family and the many friends whose lives he touched.

Michael is survived by his wife, Tina Perkins; his sons, Tyler (Kelsie) Perkins and Zachary Perkins; his sisters, Penny (Brian) Monkemeyer of Millbrook, Illinois, and Amy (David) Lee of Plano, Illinois; his mother-in-law, Bonnie Moeller of Peotone, Illinois; his sister-in-law, Tracy (Franc) Martinez of Racine, Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

Michael believed in giving back to his community and was involved in many organizations and activities throughout the years. His service included being a member of the Newark FFA Alumni, Kendall County Fair Board, Fox Township Trustee, Little Rock-Fox Fire Protection District as a trustee and volunteer, and he was a member of Helmar Lutheran Church. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed attending sporting events whenever he could. One of his dreams was to visit every Major League Baseball stadium, though his loyalty would always remain with the Chicago Cubs. Michael also loved to travel and was always looking forward to his next adventure. Above all else, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Shelia Perkins, and his father-in-law, Everett Moeller.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Nelson Funeral Home, 1617 North Bridge Street, Yorkville, IL. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, November 13, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Helmar Lutheran Church, 11935 Lisbon Road, Newark, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations in Michael’s memory to either Helmar Lutheran Church in Newark or Open Door Rehabilitation Center in Sandwich. These two organizations were deeply admired and valued by Michael.