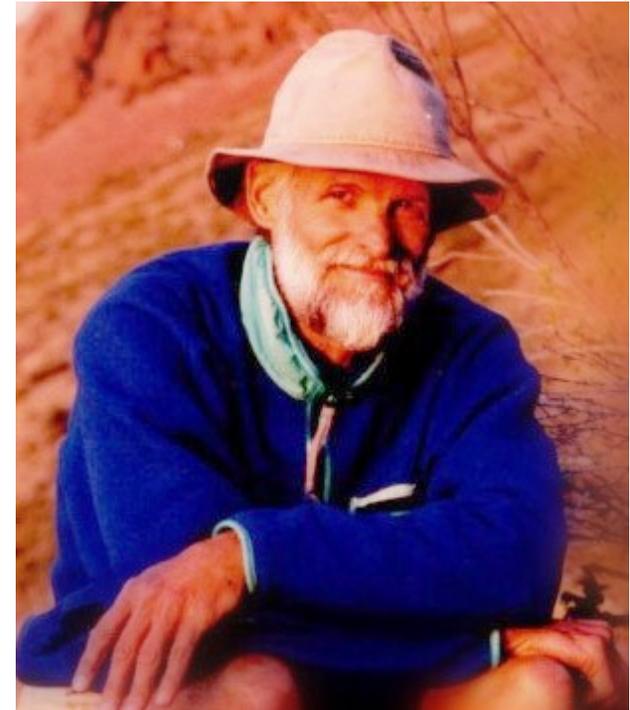




The Lord bless you
and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Into your hands, Lord, we commit our beloved
husband, father, and friend, Richard Bailey Perkins.
We thank you for the gift of his life on earth.



A Service in Celebration of Life
for

Richard B. Perkins

March 20, 1943 – May 27, 2022

Houghton Wesleyan Church
June 4, 2022
2:30 p.m.

Richard B. Perkins, beloved husband of Valerie Perkins, died May 27, 2022 after a prolonged illness. He died after spending time with dear friend Brian Sayers, at one of his favorite places, the pond out back.

Rich was preceded in death by his first wife Valda “Beaver” Perkins, parents Clark and Carolyn, his brother Robert, and a cousin, Doug.

Those surviving to mourn his passing include his wife Valerie, children Dave (Michelle LaBarre) Perkins, Kristina (Matt) Stephen, grandchildren Jessica and Connor, as well as many dear friends and extended family.

Rich was a decorated Vietnam Veteran, Professor of Sociology at Houghton College, avid backpacker, insightful critic, had a terrific sense of playfulness, and curiosity about a broad range of topics. Playing guitar while singing with friends, enjoying his dogs, and watching a wide variety of documentaries while riding his “bike-to-nowhere” were among his favorite pastimes. He valued honest conversations and developed a broad network of like-minded friends. He envisioned the Christian body of Believers living intimate and honest lives together; where people went well beyond Sunday gatherings and sought to live out Christ’s teachings corporately as well as individually.

Gathering

Word of Grace

Greeting and Prayer

Psalm 23

Psalm 130

Music – *If I Needed You*

Performed by Rob and Wendy Jacobson

Words of Remembrance

Brian Sayers

Thom Satterlee

Music – *We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder*

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Commendation

The Lord’s Prayer

Music – *I’ll Fly Away*

Dismissal
