



Leeman Lloyd Perkins

March 27, 1932 - March 25, 2022

Leeman Lloyd Perkins died at home in Englewood, NJ on March 25, 2022, two days shy of his 90th birthday. He lived a full and vibrant life dedicated to family, faith, and scholarship.

Leeman was born to Milton Lloyd Perkins and Ida Johnson in Salina, Utah on March 27, 1932. Like his parents before him, he showed both an affinity and a talent for music. He received his B.F.A. from the University of Utah in 1954 and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. During college, he played violin in the Utah Symphony under conductor Maurice Abravanel. He later played in the New Haven and Austin Symphony Orchestras.

After completing his undergraduate studies, Leeman served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the France Mission. There he served in a number of leadership roles, including President of the Paris Branch and President of the Marseille District.

In November 1956, Leeman married Marianne Contesse. Immediately thereafter, he began his service in the U.S. Army. He was posted in Germany, where he played in the Seventh Army Symphony Orchestra. He then embarked on what would become a highly regarded scholarly career. He received his Ph.D. in Music History from Yale University in 1965, having focused primarily on Western music of the 15th and 16th centuries. Over the course of his professional life, he held faculty positions at Yale, the University of Texas at Austin, and Columbia University. At the last, he served as Chairman of the Music Department from 1985 to 1990 and was named

Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in 2003.

He was the recipient of a number of awards, including the Otto Kinkeldey Award from the American Musicological Society for his work on *The Mellon Chansonnier* (1980) and *La Medaille de la Ville de Tours* (1997) for his scholarly work related to composer Johannes Ockeghem. He was awarded more than a dozen grants; published and presented dozens of scholarly papers; authored the richly detailed and comprehensive survey *Music in the Age of the Renaissance* (W.W. Norton & Co., 1999); and edited a number of volumes of early music. He served most recently as General Editor of the continuing series *Masters and Monuments of the Renaissance*, published by the Broude Trust. In 2018, he completed a critical edition of works by Antoine Busnoys.

Leeman was a man of quiet but profound religious conviction. He spent countless hours throughout his life in service to his community, touching many with both his kindness and his thoughtful approach to matters of faith. He served in many different capacities, including Choir Director; Branch President; High Councilor; counselor to Bishops; Patriarch; and Sealer at the Manhattan LDS Temple.

Leeman exhibited extraordinary devotion to Marianne and the four sons they raised together. He consistently showed his love in ways large and small, from making breakfasts to being among the best listeners one could ever hope to encounter.

Leeman is survived by his wife, Marianne, his sister, Karen (George Sears), his sons Eric (Diana Stewart), Bruce (Karen), and Patrick (Luisa), 13 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Marc.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Tutwiler Clinic.
<http://www.tutwilerclinic.org/how-to-help/>

Tribute Wall



“ I know it has been a while since Leeman's passing, but he has been on my mind lately and when that happens, I know those on the other side of the veil are sending me a smoke signal of some kind. Well, here is my response: I miss you Leeman, I so much enjoyed serving with you in the Presidency of the Branch that we were in charge of so many years ago in New Jersey. I learned a great deal from you as I was still a new member. Fun times. I send my love to you and your family, perhaps she shall see each other again one day? God bless, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

John (Chris) Kipple

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John Kipple - August 13, 2024 at 01:30 AM

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“ We are very sad to know of the passing of Brother Perkins and we send our love and prayers to Sister Perkins, their children, their grandchildren and the entire Perkins family.

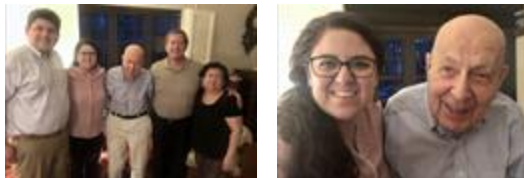
Brother Perkins was very loved by the Molina and Martinez Family—he and Sister Perkins were always very kind to us. I remember him from the time I was a little girl and youth growing up in the church in New Jersey. His spiritual strength, testimony and love of the Savior have been a positive influence in my life.

Many years ago, my husband and I were honored to have Brother Perkins participate in our sealing at the Manhattan Temple as our sealer. We are so grateful for his service that day and it is one of the most beautiful memories we have of him.

We also want to thank Sister Perkins for her strength and example as a wife and companion. We have watched you and Brother Perkins over the years and have been inspired by you and your commitment to the Savior. Mario and I enjoyed seeing the two of you every Sunday at the Englewood Ward building—it was a highlight of our Sundays. We wish you much comfort, strength and peace during this time.

A couple of years ago, my parents, Mario and I visited Brother and Sister Perkins in their home and had a lovely visit, reminiscing on these times together. Here are a couple of pictures from that day.

*With Love,
Maria Molina-Martinez*



Maria Molina-Martinez - March 31, 2022 at 10:18 AM

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“ My deepest condolences and prayers for comfort I offer to the Perkins family. I see Brother Perkins as a true gentleman who shared his talents with so many people. I was glad to have known him. May your good memories of him be ever present.

Jan Croft Swanson - March 30, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ To Eric and his family,
with deepest sympathy for your loss,
from everyone at Terre des Hommes Italy

Caterina Montaldo - March 30, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ What a wonderful man and a wonderful family. I always liked to see him smile. I have very fond memories of this family.
Sandra Turner (former Mathusek)

Sandra Turner - March 29, 2022 at 01:04 PM

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“ Great man great family my sincerest condolences



Lyle Badger - March 28, 2022 at 09:58 PM