



Perry Brock

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Thomas Perry Brock was born on January 18, 1941 and passed away on December 24, 2019 at the Wayne County Hospital.

He was born in Putnam County Missouri, but his parents Samuel Watson Brock and Gladys Irene Johnson Brock moved their family to Wayne County, Iowa, where they lived the remainder of their lives. Perry graduated from Allerton High School in 1959. After graduation he worked at the Allerton milk plant, but quickly realized it was not his passion.

He quickly changed his profession landing a job at Murphy Clothing store where he found his love for talking to customers and helping them find the clothes that suited their needs. This is where he developed a love for creating eye catching window displays and artfully wrapping gifts. This was especially true during Christmas season which was his favorite time of year.

People will remember him as a talker. He loved to visit with his customers and get to know everyone on a personal level. He also loved his daily coffee breaks at the local caf as a means to keep up to date on the local news and socializing with his friends. He drank enough coffee to earn himself the nickname "Juan Valdez" from Jeff's classmates that worked at the caf.

On August 7, 1966, Perry married Cynthia Sue Baker at the Christian Church in Humeston, Iowa. One son, Jeffery, completed the family in 1971. Perry became the owner of Murphy Clothing store in 1985 after purchasing it from Dennis Murphy. As a tribute to the man who taught him so much about the clothing business, he kept the Murphy Clothing name.

He closed the business at the end of 2002 and entered the retirement life after being diagnosed with cancer and undergoing a hip replacement. After retiring, he and Sue enjoyed spending the winter in Sun City, Arizona for several years before on-going health issues made traveling too difficult.



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When he wasn't working, Perry enjoyed working outside tending to his yard and flower gardens, traveling to watch his son's and grandson's sporting events, fishing, and visiting with his friends. He also enjoyed listening to an eclectic mix of music which ranged from Jimmy Buffett, Billy Idol, Tina Turner, Joe Crocker, U2, and many others.

Surviving Perry is his wife of 53 years, Sue, son Jeff, daughter-in-law Tricia, grandchildren Griffen, Klein and Magnus Brock of Clive, IA, sister Nancy Wiltamuth of Allerton, IA, and sister-in-law Linda Wicker of Des Moines, IA. He also has 10 nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews, and many close friends.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon. Interment will immediately follow at Humeston Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to service from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorials can be given to the Prairie Trails Museum in Corydon, IA or EveryStep Hospice in Centerville, IA.

Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com or facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Perry Brock please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery Details Humeston Cemetery Humeston, IA 50123 Visitation JAN 3. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral HomeCorydon 303 E. JeffersonCorydon, IA 50060[(#)]
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Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:25 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:31 PM



Emerald Garden Basket posted:

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Perry Brock.

January 1 at 7:00 PM



Florist Choice Bouquet posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Perry Brock.

January 1 at 7:00 PM



Charlotte And Kerry Frederick posted:

Charlotte and Kerry Frederick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Perry Brock.

January 1 at 7:00 PM



Stephanie Chambers posted:

Dear Sue, Jeff and family. I grieve with you. Your family meant so much to me growing up. Perry was like a second dad for so many of us. I remember him as an outgoing, loving, dapper gentleman who cherished his wife, son and community so much. Our love and prayers are with you. Stephanie (Nash) Chambers and family.

December 29 at 7:00 PM



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FB

Full Of Love Bouquet posted:

Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Perry Brock.

December 27 at 7:00 PM

MF

Mike Fry posted:

I remember Perry from the sixties. Bought a lot clothes from him . I worked with Him the summer of 68 before going to Jr. college in Centerville .He was a good friend and always had a smile on his face . Sorry I hadn't seen him in years. Mike Fry

December 27 at 7:00 PM

RM

Ryan Metzger posted:

I spent a lot of time during the summer with Jim Bob at Murphy's and Perry and Sues house. He was always welcoming, and friendly. I remember having lots of fun listening to his cd collection and running around the store. It was always a place a couple teenagers could stop for a bite to eat. He will be missed.

December 27 at 7:00 PM

JM

Joyce L. Milner posted:

Numbers 624-26 New International Version (NIV) 24 'The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.' Deepest Sympathy, Joyce Milner prayskin-tone-2

December 26 at 7:00 PM

CH

Carolyn Hoxton posted:

Perry was always such a nice man, and so friendly, I thought his men's store was one of the best in the area. So sorry to his family, I know you will miss him, since I don't live in the area now, I hope he wasn't suffering. I have no idea what happened to him. Prayers for his family and friends. Carolyn Hoxton

December 26 at 7:00 PM



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NV

Nila Veach posted:

So sorry to hear this.He was the nicest man,and so friendly in his store.Always ready to help you out,check on your family,he was a good man.Prayers to his family for there loss.Buck and Nila Veach

December 26 at 7:00 PM

BB

Billy Benedict posted:

Thank you Perry for being so kind and teaching me the business in 1985 my senior year. You were a kind and friendly man and I am forever grateful for your instruction and lessons you taught me. God bless your family

December 26 at 7:00 PM

LW

Linda Wicker posted:

Sue, Jeff and all your family, I'm so sorry. I loved Perry like a brother. He was a good man, a good husband and father. He was a wonderful brother in law. In all those years we never had one disagreement. How many others can say that about their inlaws In the last few months when he couldn't do much else, Perry and I had some long heart to heart chats on the phone. It was about all either of us was capable of but I will treasure those memories. Perry so loved Christmas. It's so appropriate that he got to once again see the house decorated in its usual Christmas Splendor. I'm remembering all the good times and holidays we've spent together. I'm really going to miss you, Perry. Your Sister Linda

December 26 at 7:00 PM

BH

Becky Hysell posted:

Sue and family, my deepest sympathy and prayers for you all. Perry's smile and conversation was always heartwarming! Always enjoyed the perfection in the windows at Murphy's and customer service he gave to each person that came in the doors! I pray you find peace, comfort and strength during this time. Becky Hysell

December 26 at 7:00 PM

RO

Robert posted:

my sympathies to the Perry Brock family from a high school friend

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LH

Lori Holm posted:

My deepest sympathies to Sue, Jeff and family. Perry was a lifelong friend to my father. It was always a pleasurable experience to stop by Murphy's to visit or pick up a present. One of my favorite childhood gifts was my letterjacket that was purchased at Murphy's with the help of Perry. I remember the men's trips including Jeff and Chris to the Royals baseball games. He was a great role model as demonstrated in his love of family and loyalty to his profession It is a sad loss for the community.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

JP

John C Poston posted:

I grew up across the street from the Brocks and they were fine neighbors and friends. Jeff came along and i developed a good friendship w him, shouting across the road to him in friendly fashion. Perry, later expounded on his and my relationship by employing me during the Holidays as I found my way thru college and hit n miss job experiences. He was caring, genuine and an awesome mentor!! Always encouraging. A gentleman, he was!! He will be missed. Regetfully, I am just now getting the info of his passing as I would have loved to pay my respects to the family at the funeral home!!

December 26 at 7:00 PM

FP

From Your Friends At Infection Prevention posted:

From your friends at Infection Prevention purchased the Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' for the family of Perry Brock.

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KH

Karen Havner Hanson posted:

I always enjoyed visiting with Perry when in Corydon and also remember him enjoying the lighted Dept. 56 houses at Brodericks in Valley West Mall where I worked part time. He will be missed.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

LK

Linda Kellis posted:

Sue, I am very sorry for your loss. Perry was a great guy. I always enjoyed when he came in to the office to visit about his insurance. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Linda Kellis MDL Insurance

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Teresa Mattson posted:

Sue, My heart is breaking for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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Media

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