



## Henry Vandalia "Dal" Perry

June 19, 1922 - May 15, 2016

Henry Vandalia "Dal" Perry, 93, died May 15, 2016. The son of the late Frank Adams Perry and Mary McGeorge Perry, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Adams Perry; brother, Lynn Dennis Perry; and his wife of 61 years, Jacqueline Ritchie Perry. He is survived by several nieces and nephews, Charles A Perry (Ruth), James V. Morgan, Jr. (Diane), William R. Morgan (Kathy), Joseph K. Morgan (Hollye), Steven G. Oberlander (Shelley), and Barbara Anne Jansen (Randy); many grandnieces and nephews; one great-grandnephew, and two great-grandnieces.

Dal was a native of West Point and a 1939 graduate of West Point High School who attended V.P.I, William and Mary, and graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He served in the Merchant Marines from 1942 to 1946, and joined the family business F.A. Perry, Inc., Texaco Distributors, and retired in 1985.

Dal was active in the West Point Kiwanis Club for 60 years, serving as President and various chair positions, the King William Electoral Board for 8 years, was Chairman of the West Point Industrial Development Authority for 10 years, and President of the Virginia Oil Jobbers Association. He was a longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church where he served as senior warden, lay reader and other duties, as well as serving 12 years as the president of Old St. John's Church Restoration Association.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, May 19th at St. John's Episcopal Church, 916 Main St., West Point, VA. Interment will be in Sunny

Slope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Old St. John's Church Restoration Association, 1685 Sweet Hall Rd., West Point, VA 23181, St. John's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 629, West Point, VA 23181, or to Arts Alive, P.O. Box 152, West Point, VA 23181.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue  
West Point, VA 23181

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
916 Main Street  
West Point, VA 23181

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ *To Dal's family,  
He will be greatly missed here at West Point Family Barbershop  
.May god be with you always.  
Love Rebecca Carter*

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**Rebacca Carter** - September 07, 2016 at 09:12 AM

RC

“ *To Dal's family,  
He will be greatly missed here at West Point Family Barbershop  
.May god be with you always.  
Love Rebecca Carter*

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**Rebacca Carter** - September 07, 2016 at 09:10 AM

MK

“ *West Point was so fortunate to have this special gentleman. My husband Bob Kidd and Dal were roommates at VPI freshman year. Forty four graduated in 1939 from the old high school located on 12th street in West Point and in recent yrs Dal and I tried to figure how many were still alive. Raymond Tokarz, Bob Kidd, Dal Perry (all VPI attendees and '39 West Point graduates) have now passed at exactly age 93.  
Everyone liked Dal's dry wit and in the late thirties I was lucky to see him every Sunday at St John's church as well as in our '39 high school classes.  
Marjorie Clements Kidd  
Orange, CT*

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**marjorie kidd** - June 22, 2016 at 11:45 AM

BA

“ *Dal was a great man! A great loss for the West Point community.*

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**Bill Atkins** - June 19, 2016 at 03:55 PM

HW

“ *Although we feel we didn't have too many months with Dal Perry, it was always a pleasure to be in his presence. He loved history, reading & good stories, and we enjoyed his quick sense of humor.*

*We were fellow residents at Covenant Woods and on several occasions enjoyed a Chardonnay with him. We visited in his apartment and were shown some paintings an old friend did. Dal seemed interested at the time in trying his own hand at painting, so I gave him some supplies, but that never seemed to work out.*

*But, what a rich full life he lived! And, what a well-written obituary you, his family, put together! We have saved it.*

*Hal & Jill Wallof  
Covenant Woods K100*

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**hal wallof** - May 20, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Our community will have a void that will be hard to fill. He always made you feel welcomed whenever he saw you. Blessings to the family and now he and Jackie can be together forever.*

*Jane and Al Mason*

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**Jane Mason** - May 19, 2016 at 10:14 AM

GS

“ Dal and Jacquie Perry were pillars of the West Point community and an inexhaustible source of information about its history. Their legacy will live on not only in the memories of those who were privileged to know them, but also in the beautifully restored 18th-century structure now referred to as Old St. John's Church. Whenever you visit that building, think of them and their untiring efforts to restore and maintain it. It is a magnificent monument to their lives.

*Gary and Martha Smith*

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**Gary Smith** - May 19, 2016 at 07:51 AM

AJ

“ Dal and Jackie were great neighbors. Rest in peace together forever.

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**Anne Johnson** - May 18, 2016 at 05:08 AM

JR

“ West Point has lost a very special person who will be greatly missed. With deep sympathy -  
*John and Vickie Roane*



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**John & Vickie Roane** - May 17, 2016 at 06:01 PM

LC

“ Larry And Roxanna CLORE lit a candle in memory of Henry Vandalia "Dal" Perry



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**Larry and roxanna CLORE** - May 17, 2016 at 08:36 AM

TP

“ *Such a sweet and honorable man. I was blessed to know and minister with him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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**the Rev Beth Palmer** - May 17, 2016 at 06:53 AM

JW

“ *So sorry to hear this . Dal was a very special person and will be missed . Janie Wampler*

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**Janie Wampler** - May 16, 2016 at 06:47 PM