



Ernest Eugene Persinger

January 15, 1935 - March 4, 2021

Ernest Eugene Persinger, age 86 formerly of Longton, KS, passed away Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Emporia Place in Emporia, KS.

Ernest was born January 15, 1935 in rural Elk County to Earl and Millie (Chamberlain) Persinger. He was raised alongside 2 brothers and graduated from Longton High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and spent his time at Ft. Riley working on the Berlin Wall project.

On January 31, 1958, Ernest married Margaret Dyer in Longmont, CO. They raised 2 sons together, James and Jeff, and were married 44 years until her passing in 2002. Early in their marriage, they lived in Denver, CO while working for Martin-Marietta Company. In 1959, they moved back to Longton, KS, where they farmed and raised cattle, and co-owned Frontier Auction and Realty, and Persinger Sales and Service for more than 30 years.

Ernest loved the auctioneer chant, and it was evident in his work. In 1979, he was awarded the Kansas Auctioneer of the Year Award, and was President of the Kansas Auctioneer Association in 1979. He spent several years auctioneering at South Coffeyville Stockyards on sale days, alongside running his own auctioneer service.

Ernest is survived by his sons

James Persinger (Jeanne Jolley) of Ogallala, NE
Jeff (Glenda) Persinger of Donna, TX

5 Grandchildren

Taylor Persinger of Kearney, NE
Cody Persinger of Ogallala, NE
Bret (Stacy) Persinger of Wichita, KS
Travis (Amy) Persinger of Garnett, KS
Nathan (David) Persinger of Donna, TX

6 Great-Grandchildren

Bentley, Maddux, Easton, Seneca, Carter, Alexis

Numerous nieces and nephews

Sister-in-Law, Mary Lou Persinger of Emporia, KS

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Margaret, and brothers,
Richard and Bill

Visitation will be at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, KS on Wednesday,
March 10, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Funeral will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:30 am at the Longton
United Methodist Church in Longton, KS

Interment will follow in the Longton Cemetery

Memorial contributions can be made to the Longton United Methodist Church
and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box
1233, Howard, KS 67349

Cemetery Details

Longton Cemetery

Longton, KS 67352

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Longton United Methodist Church
200 W. 5th
Longton, KS 67352

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Eugene Persinger.* ”



March 10, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ernest Eugene Persinger.* ”



March 10, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *(Robin) Ward Haines lit a candle in memory of Ernest Eugene Persinger* ”



(Robin) Ward Haines - March 10, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Eugene Persinger.* ”



March 09, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Eugene Persinger.*



March 08, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *I have many great memories of Uncle Ernie. On one visit I had just walked out the door to the house and saw a garter snake. Just as I reached down to grab it he yelled "Stop the mix breed with rattle snakes out here!" It freaked me out so bad I do not think I ever grabbed for another garter snake in my life. Then there was a time I got to go to feed the cattle with him. He told me about the fact there were still cattle wrestlers out there and he never went anywhere without his gun. I was thrilled to get to go with him to feed. Then he took me for a slice of pie for breakfast. Ernie is my dad Claude's cousin but he and Aunt Margaret will always be my Uncle and Aunt. I am honored I got to spend time with him.*



Leanne Persinger Saltar - March 08, 2021 at 10:35 PM