



## Perlon Ray Roark

March 21, 1920 - October 18, 2015

Perlon Ray Roark, 95, passed away on October 18, 2015 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler, Texas. He was born in Alto, Texas on March 21, 1920, the son of Walter James Roark and Annie Pearl Austin Roark. Perlon was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle Esta Hollis Roark, in 1979, son, Kenneth Roark, brothers, Charles and Rudolph Roark and sisters, Laureta DeRemer and Mozelle Darby.

Perlon grew up on a farm in Alto and graduated from Alto High School before studying electronics in Chicago. He married Myrtle Esta Hollis in 1940. The following year Perlon enlisted in the United States Army and served in Europe during World War II. After the war ended Perlon applied his skills as an electronic technician in a variety of radio and later television shops before opening his own repair business, Roark Radio and Television, on University Avenue in Huntsville.

A Renaissance man, Perlon was a landscape artist who produced over 450 paintings that represented the places he had been, as well as so many scenes he imagined. He was a musician who played his favorite gospel and easy listening music on any instrument that was placed in his hands, though he'd never learned to read a single note. He enjoyed listening to music from almost any genre. An avid gardener during most of his life, Perlon prized his beautiful roses and other flowers and produced an abundance of vegetables for his family and friends. Perlon became a skilled photographer and built a

dark room where he processed his own work. He built beautiful cabinets, other woodwork and repaired all things mechanical, electrical and beyond.

Perlon invented and built whatever was not readily available to him to fit any purpose or meet any need that presented itself. He loved to travel, and it seemed the destination did not matter as much as the journey.

Perlon served on the board of the Houston County Electric Cooperative while he lived in Crockett, Texas. During most of the 60 or so years that he was a resident of Huntsville, Perlon was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. Perlon and Myrtle Esta reared their five children in Huntsville, Texas. For the past five years Perlon was a part of the community at Carriage Inn of Huntsville, where he was loved and appreciated.

Beloved Daddy, Papaw, Uncle, cousin and friend, Perlon Roark daily acknowledged the many blessings and loved ones in his life. He often said that he could not wait to get out of bed at sunrise wondering what amazing things would happen that day. He felt blessed among men by the large loving family that surrounded him and honored him regularly in so many ways. Perlon is survived by his son, Danny Roark, and daughter, Toni Roark Bobruk, of Huntsville, TX, daughter, Kathy Roark Laughlin, and husband, Mark, of Anderson, TX, daughter, Linda Roark Webster, and husband, David of Spring, TX; grandchildren, John Roark, Marcus Roark, Jason Bobruk, Branden Roark, Kevin Cobb, Micah Roark, Travis Cobb, Erin Bobruk Foltz, Clint Byrd, Leslie Cobb Sechelski, Chad Byrd, Aimee Bobruk, Jared Roark, Haylan Roark Teel, Shannon Haynie Ward and Cameron Roark; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Saturday, October 24th, 2015, services for Perlon Roark will be held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home (1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas 77340). Mr. Roark will lie in state 9:00am to 3:00pm with the family receiving

friends from 11:00am to 12:00noon. The funeral service is at 3:00pm Saturday with burial to follow including full military honors at Oakwood Cemetery Adickes Addition (corner of 9th and MLK Blvd., Huntsville, Texas). Pallbearers include Mr. Roark's grandsons.

Condolences, memories and messages may be left at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Adickes addition of Oakwood Cemetery

700 Martin Luther King Blvd  
Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **24**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Perlon Ray Roark*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Prayers for the family n friends of Mr. Roark*



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**H Jones** - October 29, 2015 at 10:41 AM



“ *Perlon was a distant cousin of ours and I am so very proud to have a copy of his book, "And Then There Were Roarks." Lynn Allen, grand-daughter of Ruth Roark Pettey*

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**Lynn Allen** - October 25, 2015 at 11:37 PM

DC

“ There are no words to express how much I love the Roark family! I've known Linda since the age of two,"best friends",and that continues to this present day. Growing up as neighbors, I loved spending time at the Roark's home. Sometimes, I would set in the family room and listen to Mr. Roark play the organ or the piano. I remember Linda and I would quietly stand behind her Dad and watch him paint. He would paint the " most beautiful" roses on a canvas. A very talented man. His wife Myrtle, cooked wonderful meals and we had alot of good conversations. Mr. and Mrs. Roark always welcomed me into their family. What a wonderful family! Danny,Toni,Cathy and Linda I would like to say, I love each and everyone of you! I enjoyed growing up with you as my second family! My prayers go out to you...! Much Love, Debbie Clark

Debbie Clark - October 24, 2015 at 02:50 PM

MC

“ My Dad & Perlon were big coffee drinking buddies and worked together for years. Daddy & Momma got Perlon to paint a picture of my log cabin almost 30 years ago. My daughter La Donna has the picture now. We will NEVER forget Perlon!

Mark Chalker - October 24, 2015 at 01:01 PM

JM

“ Janet Gokey McGehee lit a candle in memory of Perlon Ray Roark



Janet Gokey McGehee - October 24, 2015 at 08:26 AM

JM

Sincere sympathy to the entire family..God Bless

Janet Gokey McGehee - October 24, 2015 at 08:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Perlon Ray Roark.*



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October 23, 2015 at 07:15 PM



“ *I posted this on another site, but wanted to make sure the family saw it. “My thoughts and prayers are with you, Haylan, Cam, Branden and the rest of the family during this difficult time.”*  
~Melissa Hutchinson

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**Melissa Hutchinson** - October 23, 2015 at 03:41 PM



“ *Cheryl McLaughlin Washington lit a candle in memory of Perlon Ray Roark*



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**Cheryl McLaughlin Washington** - October 23, 2015 at 03:28 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Perlon Ray Roark.*



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October 23, 2015 at 10:17 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Perlon Ray Roark.*



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October 22, 2015 at 07:10 PM



“ *The DeRemers, Austin, Mary, Aiden, Brenda & Tom purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Perlon Ray Roark.*



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**The DeRemers, Austin, Mary, Aiden, Brenda & Tom** - October 22, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ *Perlon: what a wonderful man! Smart, witty, an artist...had so many interesting stories to tell. He loved his family and enjoyed being with them every chance he got. We will miss him very much. Our prayers for peace and beautiful memories for all the family.*

*love,  
Don and Beth Trumps*

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**Beth Trumps** - October 21, 2015 at 01:58 PM



“ *So sorry we can't be there but we will be with you in spirit! Your dad was such a special angel, so talented and those fortunate enough to have some his art will cherish if forever! We love you and send sincere condolences to your family! Love Harry and Grace Bohan.*

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**grace bohan** - October 21, 2015 at 12:02 PM