



Abigail Perkins

August 26, 1994 - February 1, 2012

Abigail Rae “Abi” Perkins, age 17, passed away February 1, 2012. Abi was a senior at Whitmer High School. She was involved in Monroe County 4-H. Her love of her horse Nelli took her on many journeys the last 2 and a half years. She was a competitive barrel racer winning almost every race she ran. “She was the best athlete in the family”. Abi enjoyed going to the rodeo every Saturday night with her buddy, Joe. Abi lived hard and died pretty. Abi will be dearly missed by her mom, Rhonda (Rob); dad, Mark (Pam); brothers, Cody (Jessica) and Tyler; sister, Mackenzie; uncle, Matt Kozlaker; cousins, Kyle and Connor Kozlaker; aunt, Lisa Perkins; cousins, Jacob, Zack, Andrew Whiting; special godfather, James “Shorty” Morton; grandparents, John and Patty Kozlaker, Cheryl (Papa Dave) Jacklitch, Dave (Mary) Perkins and special friends Joe and Marilyn. She was preceded in death by her great grandparents, Audrey Robbins and John and Mary Kozlaker. Abi is also survived by her great grandpa, Herschel Robbins, many relatives and friends, and last but not least her dog, Lucy and her horse Nelli (Absolute Bullet Proof). Friends are invited to visit from 1:00 to 7:00pm Saturday at Ansberg-West Funeral Home 3000 Sylvania where services will commence at 7:00pm Saturday evening. Contributions may be made to Monroe County 4-H. Online condolences may be left at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Rhonda - We are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Abi. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Linda & Al - February 01, 2018 at 12:01 AM

AA

“ Abi i NEVER really new you , but you are one pretty little lady & i caare for you even thought we never talked. i show my respect in any way. im sorry that you had to leave all your friends & family and hourse so fast. you got everybody praying for you boo ! & dont worry we are all trying to stay strong. i Love You Girl Â¦

Ashley Waite Â! - ashley120885@yahoo.com ashley120885@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:01 AM

SO

“ Our hearts go out to you and your families. We hope you find comfort in thoughts and prayers from family and friends. May Abi rest in peace and may you find comfort from precious memories. God Bless - Steve and Pam (Perkins) Oberle

Steve & Pam (Perkins) Oberle - February 01, 2018 at 12:01 AM

BH

“ I knew Abi from 7th grade to our high school years. She was one of the greatest people I knew and was one of my best friends. We had such great fun our 8th grade year. I'll miss her so much. R.I.P. Abi

Brittany Helle - February 01, 2018 at 12:01 AM

AS

“ am so sorry to here this...my condolences and hugs go out to the family...love you allam praying for you...

ann stahl - February 01, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ love you and miss you

jake church - February 01, 2018 at 12:01 AM

AG

“ My heart is breaking as I write; I can't see the screen through my tears. We will miss you so and miss hearing about you from Grandma Patty. We are all so proud of you. You were one of our favorite people and I know that God with give us all strength, comfort and peace. We will cherish our memories of time spent with you. You are in our hearts and once there, always there. We love you.

Aunt Connie and Uncle Gary - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Abi was an awesome competitor. The TCHA shows won't be the same without her. We will really miss her.

Jan and Kendall Kelly - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy to all the families of this beautiful young lady, may the everlasting arms hold you close..Love Debbie Wollman

Debbie Wollman - mdebi@midrivers.com mdebi@midrivers.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Sorry i didnt stay long me and abi were close like a lot of her friends she had a baby picture of me and she always wanted me to see her ride horses but i never got the chance we hung out a lot sophmore year im sorry for your loss our lives are not complete with out her. - Jake Church

Jake Church - Churchpatricia2@gmail.com Churchpatricia2@gmail.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Please send our thoughts and prayers to all the families, sorry for your loss.

Mike and Cheryl Goffena - goffenam@midrivers.com goffenam@midrivers.com
- February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Abi, you were such an amazing and beautiful girl inside and out. You were such a inspiration to so many horse back rider including me. And you always will be. You taught me that showing is not about winning but it is about just going out there and having fun. You had the biggest smile on your face all day. You made the world a brighter place. You were an amazing rider in everything you did. I love you abi, and you will be forever in my heart

Stephanie C - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Abi will be forever missed and espically in the ring. We watched her at all the shows and my youg son would get so excited when he saw her and Nellie comming up to the gate. They were by far his favorite. One day while watching he said to me "mom when i get big I want to go fast like that." Abi was standing near by and heard him. Without a blink she nelt down and said to him "When the time comes buddy I'll teach you to fly like that. " That is the kind of person she was beautiful on the inside and out. They say only the good die young. Well this time The man upstairs got the very best. Love you Abi!

An old horse friend - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To Abi's family. Im sorry for your loss. Abi was an amazing and an outgoing girl. she will be missed hugely and never forgotten. R.i.P Abi We All love you!!

Jamie Wingate - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

UN

“ it is so sad now a days when young kids celebrate a death of a young beautiful young lady. U pego on facebook tell where u are at and what u adoing. 95% of u are not old enough to drink and u think u are mature no. grow up if u want to celebrate her life go to anyyyyyyyyyyy church.

unknown - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Raye, Susan and Morgan Mitz - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

R(

“ Rhonda (Rob) & Mark (Pam) Perkins, So very sorry for your loss, there's nothing words or actions can do at this time to heal your pain, just have comfort that she is in Heaven with the Lord, may God bless you all.

Richard Lydy (Florida) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ our thoughts and prayers are with you mark. god bless R.I.P Abi.

dave metroff and family - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. ROGER HOYT, MARSHA, CHARLES, AND JIMMY WAGNER

roger hoyt - rogerhoyt@bex.net rogerhoyt@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Abi although you lived so far away I always have been so very proud of everything you had accomplished. Your Grandma Patty would always say how much you reminded her of myself with your beauty and your fearlessness to do anything. I still remember all the summers you came out with your mom and grandma when you were little. You use to call you Yetta after the Grandma off the Nannie because of the crazy purses you would always carry around. You were a remarkable young lady. You lite up so many lives and left so many footprints in our hearts. Now look down upon us and be the guardian angel that you were even here on earth and watch over us with all our family that have passed on before you. We love you Abi and you will be missed dearly.

Aimee & Jeremy - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *r.l.p abi dont know you all to well but rest at ease you seemef like a very good person....and shurely will be missed.....*

terrance pinkston - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *I hope it helps your family to know how missed she will be. My daughter (Samantha Mix) is also a Senior at Whitmer. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Adrienne Mix*

Adrienne Mix - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Rhonda, We grieve with you. We offer our sympathy to you and your family.*

Joanne and Jim Kesting - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Dear Rhonda: Am very sorry to hear about your tragic loss -- my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Hang in there.*

Bobbie Hyter (Andre's patron) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *you always new how to walk into a gloomy room and brightin it up you were an amazing artist and I was always happy to help you in reaching new artistic levels rest in piece abi you will be forever in our hearts*

a fellow artist - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I hope you spread your wings and fly, fly free and watch over those who loved you so much. My heart goes out to Abi's family.

A friend. - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ our hearts and prayers go out to the family..Abi will be missed by many..god has choice you to be his next angel ..we love you

Ashley & Tina Kasmierski - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Beautiful young daughter , NO one should have to suffer the loss of a child, they are suppose to out live us.I have a teen age daughter too 17 , and I do not know what I would do if anything EVER happen to her.I will be thinking of your family forever and keeping you in my prayers that God will Guide you and help you thur this Great Loss. Think of all the good time and keep her Memory a Happy one, for someday you shall see her again.In another child's smile or the sun shinning brightly on your face, the cool wind blew on a summers night ,she will be watching over you all...

A concern Partent - number1roo@aol.com number1roo@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ So sorry for your loss, i did not know Abi but i do have a 17 yr old son who went to whitmer. I can not imagine losing a child so young, i did see some what of the accident & my heart dropped.Thoughts & prayers to everyone.

patty lowe - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be forever in my prayers...

Trish Streight - tstreight@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Rhonda I just want to say I'm sorry about your loss and you and your family are in my prayers.

Suzette simon - suzysimon76@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ my dearest and deepest symphanies go out 2 this family. i personally didnt know abi but my son thomas lehman did and i worked w/ her grandma patty at dollar general many yrs ago.from everything i have read and heard about her she seemed like an amazing person i wish i could of meet her.again i am so sry 4 ure loss.

michelle(lehman)mossburg - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ MARK AND PAM YOU ARE IN ARE THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

JIM AND KARLA MILLER - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My deepest apologies for this tragic incident which has taken place. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and friends of Abi. Most importantly to the parents of Abi please try to stay strong through the rough times which have brought us to this point of sorrow and may she remain in our hearts forever. You will be truly missed Abi, you may be gone but not forgotten!

Jason Purnia - jasonpurnia@yahoo.com jasonpurnia@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you. What a beautiful picture of Abi & her friends.

Ed & LaVonne & Ed - Inerook@midrivers.com Inerook@midrivers.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family of Abi's. I didn't know Abi personally, but I am long time friends with Joyce Cooper, and know her grandmother Cheryl. I cannot imagine what all of you are going through. God has a special place for her, she's at peace. God Bless All Of You.

Margie Goda - margiegoda@yahoo.com margiegoda@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I didn't know Abi well, but she will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to her friends and family, I know this is a rough time, but things will get better. I am sorry for your loss.

Brandon Green - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *abi i miss you so much i love youu*

An old friend - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Ohmy god i cant believe im saying this, abigail im gonna miss you so much :(i cant even put into words how amazing you are and how much i love you. but your the best baby cousin ever even tho you hated it when i called you that cause im only a year older lol im so happy you lived everyday to the fullest and died happy. you touched the hearts of alot of people , you taught children how to ride horses TRAIN HORSES. i thought youd grow up to be a professional and id see you on the t.v. you inspire me .Rhonda im so sorry you lost your baby girl, i dont really know what to say, i couldnt even imagine how you feel . - "rhondie" i loved when she called you that. she was your little mini. im gonna miss her alot. R.I.P abi . Â¦ your big cousin brittany.*

Brittany Cooper - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Mark and Pam you are in our thoughts and Prayers. So sorry for your loss. I could not even imagine the hurt but you have alot of family and friends that well be there for you. God Bless*

Kenny and Pinky - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I did not know Abi very well, I just met Rhonda and Abi last year at the TCHA show & from day one she always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone. I hope she has a horse in heaven so she can ride, just till Nelly gets there. Heaven has a new cowgirl!! Ride like the wind Abi....JUST RIDE!!*

Dusty Ann Dalton - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ WE AT PAUL SCHROYER'S SEND OUR CONDOLENCES. IT IS SUCH A TERRIBLE THING TO LOSE A CHILD SO YOUNG. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT FOR YOUR FAMILY

PAUL SCHROYER AUTO SERVICE - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Mark...Pam I am so sorryt about the loss of your daughter...I can't imagine how you must be feeling..sorry i did not get a chance to know Abby, what a lovelty young lady she was. my sincerest condoloences for your loss. See you when we are home from Florida..Aunt Pam & Uncle Denny*

Pamela & Denny Thompson - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I only knew Abi for a short time, but it was clear during the first 30 seconds of her orientation at the Malcolm-Bain Center that she was extraordinary. My last conversation with her, when she talked about how she used her "22," will stay with me forever. Abi was full of spirit and life. We all have more spirit and life for having known her. During this heart-wrenching time, comfort and peace on all who loved her and now struggle to cope with a gaping hole.*

Matthew Scheiber - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Abi, you are a young pretty 17 year old girl who is going to be dearly missed by so many friends and family. We truly enjoyed our time with you last summer in Montana. We love you so much and will always remember you as our cowgirl & star! We truly loved seeing all the pictures of you with your horse & show ribbons, that your grandma Patty would share with all of us here in Montana. She was a very proud grandmother of you! Love and prayers Ryan, Lindsey & girls

Ryan, Lindsey & girls - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ I had the pleasure of teaching Abi in both American History and World History. She was intelligent, unique, spirited, opinionated, and brought such life to the classroom. I send thoughts and prayers to her family and friends. She was such a cool girl and will be deeply missed.

Brad Densmore - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ No matter the situation, Abi would always make me laugh (even when she was making me angry). She was such a strong individual that made every second count. I am going to miss joking with her and that infectious smile. She was a rockstar and will be missed by so many people. My heart is broken. Rhonda my thoughts, prayers and tears are with you and the rest of the family.

Matt LaPoint - Lapointmatt@aim.com Lapointmatt@aim.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ My most sincere condolences to Abie’s family and friends. I have watched Abi and Nellie compete for the past couple years at the TCHA and the Monroe shows and held much admiration for her talent and love for her horse and I truly thought she set a great example of sportsmanship and compassion for completion. Her smile was genuine as was her love for her horse. Q-Tip and I will miss watching her compete and although Q-Tip is not a barrel horse she will proudly wear her 'Abi's Barrel Racer' Rhythm Beads knowing that the proceeds are going to Horse’s Haven rescue in honor of Abi and Nellie. God Bless all of you and please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Dona Kennedy - dlkenez@umich.edu dlkenez@umich.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Abi is one of the sweetest people you would ever want to know, she will be missed and loved everyday I am sure Larry will look out for her in heaven among all the other angels.

Joyce and Brittany Cooper - joycoop7@aol.com joycoop7@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I only got to know Abi a short while, my son Tyler and her grew close fast and seemed inseparable. We loved her big smile, Tyler always had a smile on his face when she was with him. We will miss her greatly

Theresa Miller - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Our favorite memory of you, Abi, is sitting side saddle talking to Stephanie with Nellie and Winnie touching noses. You welcomed everyone and your unselfishness is so rare these days. You are going to be missed. Love you Kiddo!

Linda Steve Stephanie Cadle - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ im so very sorry for your loss.

Russell Ridenour - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Abigail, our beautiful cowgirl. We will all remember you out here in Big Sky country and know that you are in loving arms in Heaven with your family members who have gone before you. Love and prayers to Rhonda and all of her family who loved her so very much. (and especially her Grandma Patty) We will miss you. Aunt Robby and Uncle Roger

Robin and Roger Byford - byfordr@gmail.com byfordr@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ oh rhonda , i just hurt so bad for you right now and your family is in my prayers . i just can not imagine . may the god of all comfort , comfort you all at this time

Dawn - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Not many people knew but i am related to the perkins. i had many friends who knew her i'd see her around every now and again i was saddened to know family i had i never got to meet.. my prayers and love are with u all

Destiny - mizzsasse@yahoo.com mizzsasse@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ abi you was taken from us too soon you will be miss an loved.... my heart goes out to your family :(

lynzy - you849613@aol.com you849613@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I send my condolences to the family of Abigail Perkins. She was an amazing girl that lived her life to the fullest. She was so carefree, and could do anything she ever wanted. She knew where she was going in life. It's sad that she had to pass so young, she had so much going for her. She's looking down on us now, making sure we live our lives to the fullest, just like she did. May Abi rest in peace. I love and miss her.

Kayla Merritt - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ My deepest sympathy to Abi's family and friends, she was a wonderful 4-H Horse Pony member and will never be forgotten. Your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Denise Reaume

Denise Reaume - reaumed@msu.edu reaumed@msu.edu - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I remember how we first met. There was a little dog running on a busy street and I cautiously followed him trying to save him. A line of cars quickly appeared and were headed right for him. I tried waving my arms and yelling to show that idiot girl who was driving that she was about to hit that little dog. Well she didn't see me and she hit him so hard, I screamed at her car as she drove past me. She didn't even bother stopping. I ran over to the little dog, about to pick him up, and I saw you. You dropped your bike and ran over to us. I told you what just happened, and then I picked him up to carry him home. That little dog died that day. I cried and cried as I called many animal hospitals and even an animal emergency line. No one was helpful and that little dog lost his life in such an unfair tragic way. Moving on from that day we once met again and began talking. I quickly realized that you were the person who dropped your bike and ran over to the dog and me that day. We couldn't believe that we happened to meet again. We quickly became great friends - talking a lot, getting to know each other, hanging out, spending the night together, going different places. I remember babysitting with you, walking to the carryout when we shouldn't have, laughing at things we found in your dad's room after he left, screaming and freaking out at 3:00 in the morning because there was something in the tree, walking around our neighborhood just hanging out, the talks we had in your basement while we were on the computer, taking those two tiny glass bottles from the top shelf that had a percentage of alcohol in them and drinking one each, going to get mexican breakfast together, your dad telling us we better not walk to Subway after he goes to bed, and so much more! You came into my life, and I came into yours.. We became great friends and had a lot of fun. Today I put flowers tied together with a pink ribbon along with two lit candles at the site of your car accident. You died in an unfair and tragic way just like that little dog did the day we met. You must find that puppy in heaven and realize that he relates to you. Love him endlessly and please hold onto our friendship because I'm still holding onto it even though you have been taken away. I am so sorry for you and I hope you see that you are loved. R.I.P Abi Perkins Â¦

Monique Bais - itsalwaysgonnabeme@yahoo.com
itsalwaysgonnabeme@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ So sorry Rhonda for your loss of your beautiful daughter. My daughter is a freshman at Whitmer and just the thought of loosing her, my heart breaks for you as a mother. I hope as time goes on the pain lessens but I know will never go away. God Bless you and your family in this tragic loss.

Michelle Wheeler - kayleahwheeler@gmail.com kayleahwheeler@gmail.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I did not know Abi's family personally, But I rode with Abi at 3 Bar B. I am so sorry that this happened, my heart goes out to you and if you ever need anything please let me know, Joe has my number and I will do anything I can to help. You all are in my prayers.

Sylvia Pate - Srpate18@yahoo.com Srpate18@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ During this difficult time, I want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Your daughter touched the lives of so many people and we are so blessed to have had the opportunity to have her in their lives. A word of comfort and a caress of solace from my family to yours on the sad day as you deal with Abi's sudden death, God bless.. The Hall Family

Knickcole Hall - Knickcole@yahoo.com Knickcole@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I loved you like a sister!! Abi your such a pretty young girl. And you were loved by many people and you will be missed. you have an amazing personality and you were the bestfriend a person can have. Rest up there in heaven Abi.

Missy Pendleton - missbroyles2014@yahoo.com

missbroyles2014@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We will all miss you abi, youll always be a panther like us. Prayers to your family.

b - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I didn't really know her that well. But she was the best barrel racer i knew. I guess god decided he needed the best with him.. I'm very sorry for you lost.. Love, Leslie

Leslie Scott - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ You will be greatly missed! You are a very loved kid, now fly high

Brooke - dvhs232@yahoo.com dvhs232@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM