



#### Obituary:

Teresa Ann Perkins

A loving wife and mother, devoted daughter, sister and friend, Teresa Ann Perkins died on Friday, February 17, 2017 in Terra Bella.

Teresa was born in Porterville, CA, on March 8 1948. She was 68 years old.

Raised in Terra Bella, CA, Teresa attended Terra Bella School and Porterville Union High School and was a graduate of the class of 1966. While in High School, Teresa sang with the Madrigals and was an active member of Bethel #108 International Order of Jobs Daughter's.

She began her work career as an eligibility worker with the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency where she worked for several years before leaving the County to work with the family business, Crumbliss & Horton, Inc., of Terra Bella, CA. She also assisted her husband with bookkeeping and tax preparation. When she wasn't working, Teresa was busy making a beautiful home for her family, entertaining family and friends with her amazing cooking, and volunteering with the PTA and the Porterville Panther Band. Teresa went back to work later in life, just for fun, where she was an Education Sales Consultant with Harcourt Education's Steck Vaughn, working until her retirement. She was a former member of the Rollin' Relics Car Club and a current member of the Porterville Elks Lodge.

Teresa relished in adventure, having traveled much of the US with her husband where together they studied US History and attended Drag Races and Car Shows. She loved her "girl trips", and on two occasions, had the great fortune of traveling abroad to Paris, France and several other European cities with her dearest friends.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, James D. Perkins of Terra Bella; daughter, Jennifer A. Perkins-Brown and her sons Benjamin and Cooper, of Fairfax, Va.; daughter, Jacqueline M. Perkins of Exeter and her son Patrick Wright of Fairfax, Va.; mother, Mary E. Horton of Lindsay; nieces, Allison M. Lambert-Mackey of Visalia, Brooke D. Sherman of Idaho, and Summer A. Multer of South Carolina; and her pups, Willy and Bruiser. Shortly after Teresa died, her brother, Lee S. Horton of Terra Bella, also passed. Teresa was preceded in death by her father, Elmer L. Horton and sister, Sheree L. Lambert, both of Terra Bella, Ca.

Interment will be private and no memorial service will be held; however, contributions can be made to the Autism Society of Northern Virginia, in Teresa's memory honoring her grandson Benjamin. Please visit [www.ASNV.org/memorialgiving](http://www.ASNV.org/memorialgiving) to donate online; checks can be mailed to The Autism Society of Northern Virginia, 10467 White Granite Drive, #324, Oakton, VA 22124; or call [571-328-5792](tel:571-328-5792).