



CW3 (Ret) Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr.

April 11, 1931 - July 8, 2019

Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr, age 88, of Odessa, MO died July 8, 2019, at the Oak Grove Nursing and Rehab Center where he had been a resident for the last 8 months.

Mr. Pennington was born April 11, 1931, in Fairfield, IL, to Herbert R. and Sylvia (Wylie) Pennington. He graduated from Fairfield High School in 1948; and from Lockyear's Business College, Evansville, IN before joining the US Army in 1949. He attended basic training at Fort Chaffee, AR and served with 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; then the 101st Airborne Division, where he became sergeant major of the 53rd Infantry Regiment at 20 years of age. He later served tours at Ft. Myer, VA; Ft. Meade, MD, and as post sergeant major at Camp Breckenridge, KY. He was appointed a Warrant Officer and served in Germany, Ft. Leonard Wood, and Vietnam. He retired as a CW3 in 1969.

He married Anna May Paul on May 29, 1952 in Sturgis, KY.

After his retirement from the US Army, the Penningtons resided in Waynesville, MO until 2016 when they moved to Odessa, MO.

Dick was an active voice for military retirees. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, DAV, American Legion and the Military Officers Association. He initiated the ongoing Memorial Day event of the "Laying of Wreaths" at the

Fort Leonard Wood Cemetery and the Sunset Memorial Cemetery. He was also a member of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #375; past Worthy Patron of the Hanson Chapter #22, Order of Eastern Star; Sons of the American Revolution; National Sojourners; and Toastmasters International. Mr. Pennington served on the Waynesville R-6 Board of Education. He was an avid genealogist and enjoyed stamp collecting, woodworking, and "tinkering."

His parents, a sister, Mary Parrent; and a half-brother, Clifford Pennington, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Ann Pennington of the home; a brother-in-law, Russell Parrent of Fairfield, IL; 2 daughters & sons-in-law: Sylvia & Steve White of New Castle, CO; Nancy & Burney Miller of Odessa, MO; 2 sons & daughters-in-law: Don & Vickie Pennington of New Castle, CO; and Jim & Valerie Pennington of Odessa, MO. He also leaves behind 7 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. He left a legacy of patriotism, faith, and commitment.

Services will be held at the Hazelgreen United Methodist Church, 32014 Rte. 66, Richland, MO, 65556 at 4 PM on Sunday, July 14, 2019. Visitation will be one hour prior at the church. Burial will be on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. the Fort Leonard Wood State Veterans Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to: Camp Breckenridge Museum & Arts Center, 1116 Village Square Road, Morganfield, KY 42437 or to Hazelgreen United Methodist Church, 32014 Route 66, Richland, MO 65556.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hazelgreen United Methodist Church
32014 Rt 66
Richland, MO 65556

Service

JUL 14. 4:00 PM (CT)

Hazelgreen United Methodist Church
32014 Rt 66
Richland, MO 65556

Graveside Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood
25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Tribute Wall



“ CW3 (Ret) Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ I knew Dick for many years as I grew up in Waynesville. I would see him at the hospital on Fort Wood I worked in Radiology. He was one of the great guys I ever knew.

Rick Carter - August 01, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ Rick Carter lit a candle in memory of CW3 (Ret) Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr.



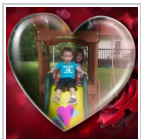
Rick Carter - August 01, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ Nancy and family, we are sorry to hear of Dick's passing. We know he is at peace and pray for your comfort during this time.

Joe & Bev Rasmussen

Bev Rasmussen - July 25, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ Ann we are so sorry for the passing of Dick. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Susie Shelden

Susan Shelden - July 19, 2019 at 08:51 AM

SS

“ Susan And Brad Shelden lit a candle in memory of CW3 (Ret) Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr.



Susan and Brad Shelden - July 19, 2019 at 08:49 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of CW3 (Ret) Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr.



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 15, 2019 at 12:17 AM

CB

“ In our view, Mr. Pennington has been a fine gentleman and a tremendously great supporter of many organizations within Pulaski County and the State of Missouri, wearing a caring smile as a touch of class. Surely, we all will miss him dearly, but will never forget those things he done to make us better, proud and helpful towards one another. Our sincere prayers for comfort and strength for his family and volume of friends. May he rest in eternal peace!



CSM Harold and Brigitte Burleson - July 15, 2019 at 12:16 AM

SK

“ Our hearts ache for all of the family as each one deals with the loss of their dear loved one at this time. Our prayers are with the family, knowing that there is comfort in the knowledge that God has lifted him out of his earthly body and taken him home. May each remaining family member find peace amidst their grief.
~Jim and Sue Ketchum

Susan Ketchum - July 13, 2019 at 09:02 AM

SW

“ 19 files added to the album Memories



Sylvia White - July 12, 2019 at 10:01 PM

SW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



Sylvia White - July 12, 2019 at 10:28 AM

MW

“ Sorry to hear that Mr. Pennington has passed away. I am praying for all of his family for peace and comfort in the coming days. He was quite a guy, and loved to talk to people.

Martin and Georgia White - July 12, 2019 at 12:52 AM

VD

“ Veronica Decker lit a candle in memory of CW3 (Ret) Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr.



Veronica Decker - July 11, 2019 at 05:26 PM

VD

“ So sorry for your loss, Sending prayers that God gives u comfort and strength in the up coming days and weeks ahead, I loved Mr. P. So glad i got to see him a fews ago, Growing up as teenagers Nancy was either at my house or me at hers. Mr.& Mrs.P. were always there if ever i needed them, May u always RIP Mr.P...

Veronica Decker - July 11, 2019 at 05:24 PM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Dick Pennington. May the Lord be at your side through these difficult times ahead.



Marge Scott - July 11, 2019 at 04:31 PM

PT

“ I am sorry for the loss of this fine man. He was a leader for the initial establishment of the Waynesville chapter of the Order of the Rainbow for girls. I spent many meetings and service projects with them Penningtons. He was an inspiration and a great person. I will always have a warm place in my heart for him. My deepest condolences to the rest of the Pennington family.

Pamela Thompson - July 11, 2019 at 01:17 PM

DH

“ Dave And Jayne Hasik lit a candle in memory of CW3 (Ret) Herbert R. "Dick" Pennington Jr.



Dave and Jayne Hasik - July 11, 2019 at 10:32 AM

LH

“ Our deepest condolences to Ann and the family. Dick was a vital member of our community and highly respected. Mayor Hardman

Luge Hardman - July 11, 2019 at 09:26 AM

LW

“ Remembering Mr. Pennington as a real supporter of the community for years. Rest in Peace Mr. Pennington, we appreciate you.



Linda & George Wheeler - July 10, 2019 at 09:19 PM