



Larry Pennington Sr.

July 25, 1950 - January 13, 2023

PRINCETON - Larry E. Pennington, Sr., 72, of Princeton, passed away Friday, Jan 13, 2023 at home. Born July 25, 1950 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of the late Paul Pennington and late Bernice Robinson Billings.

After graduating high school, Larry enlisted in the US Army and spent 22 years serving his country. He completed two tours in Vietnam and put the first all-female platoon through bayonet training before retiring as a highly decorated drill sergeant. Larry devoted the rest of his life to his family and his roles within several veteran's service organizations. He also helped countless veterans successfully obtain VA benefits.

Larry enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved fishing, gardening, Nascar, billiards, and poker. His favorite time of year was the annual family reunion. He always organized the horseshoe tournament in which he was incredibly competitive and played by his own rules.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Theresa Gregg; his third wife, Katherine Bell Pennington; sister, Kimberly Dickson; brother Dennis Pennington; and brothers-in law, Nathaniel "Buddy" Billings and Russell Harvey.

Survivors include his second wife, Hui Choe; sons, Larry E. Pennington, Jr. (Tammy Bryant) of Lenoir, NC, Terry (Tiffany) Pennington of Lake Wylie, SC and James Bell of Princeton; daughter, Victoria (Jason) Crimmel of Lawrenceburg, IN; grandchildren, Alex Pennington and fiancé Jordan Watson, Colby (Sarah) Rash, Taylor, Titus, and Tinsley Pennington, Cameron, Jonas and Silas Crimmel, Zackery Rash and Jazzlynn Pennington; great-grandchildren Xander Tester and Brayden Pennington; and siblings, Barbara Billings, Selma (Basil) Akers, Ronald (Darlene) Pennington, Jerry (Linda) Pennington, William Sneed, Debby (Benny) Weese, Teddy Billings and Janet Harvey.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Bailer-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Pastor Kelly Lyle, officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Garden in Princeton. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Larry's life.

Serving as pallbearers will be Alex Pennington, Willie Pennington, Colby Rash, Jordan Harvey, Jonathon Laxton and Brandon Hazelwood. Honorary pallbearers will be Cameron, Jonas and Silas Crimmel, Titus Pennington, Xander Tester and Brayden Pennington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to the Mercer County Princeton Disabled American Veterans, North Walker Street, Princeton, WV 24740.

The family will receive friends Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

450 Courthouse Road
Princeton, WV 24740

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
1612 Honaker Avenue
Princeton, WV 24740
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My Deepest Condolences to The pennington family,(Doll and Ron)Larry always had a way of making people smile.*
Rochelle



Rochelle - February 12, 2023 at 06:33 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Larry E. Pennington Sr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, Larry E. Pennington Sr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 20, 2023 at 07:29 AM

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“ *In memory of Larry Pennington, what I knew of him was a kind and helpful man, father and a awesome family man. He loved too go fishing and shoot pool with his family and his poker. I'm so glad to have met him and I will always remember Larry Pennington and thku for serving our country. Have a wonderful and blessed week and God bless the Pennington family for there loss*

The Broeker Family - January 19, 2023 at 12:37 AM



Went to school with Larry. So sorry to hear about his death. God bless all the family.

Margie Keats - January 24, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larry Pennington Sr..*



January 18, 2023 at 05:19 PM

PM

“ *Pete, Peggy Matthews sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Pennington Sr.*



Pete, Peggy Matthews - January 18, 2023 at 05:12 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Barbour lit a candle in memory of Larry Pennington Sr.*



Debbie Barbour - January 18, 2023 at 04:33 PM

BH

“ *Brenda Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Pennington Sr.*



Brenda Hall - January 18, 2023 at 02:54 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hill lit a candle in memory of Larry Pennington Sr.*



Mary Hill - January 18, 2023 at 01:54 PM