



Merl L. Penrod

August 7, 1947 - December 20, 2017

Merl L. Penrod, age 70, of Bourbonnais passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at his home. He was born August 7, 1947 in Anna, the son of Merl E. & Dorothy M. Lynn Penrod. Merl married Sharon Brees on May 1, 1971 in Cahokia.

Merl retired from Illinois Central Railroad after 42 years of service. He loved to garden, especially his tomatoes. Merl enjoyed deer hunting and going to the rifle range. He loved spending time with his family, especially his daughter and grandsons. Merl enjoyed spending time with his close friends that meant a lot to him.

Merl is a veteran of the United States Army, having served during Vietnam. Surviving are his wife, Sharon Penrod of Bourbonnais; his parents, Merl & Dorothy Penrod of Anna; one daughter and son-in-law, Michelle & John Kuipers of Clifton; two grandsons, Benjamin & Logan; one sister, Leta Johnson of Belleville; one brother-in-law, Mike (Liz) Brees of Columbia; and one nephew, Adam Brees of Columbia.

Visitation will be held from 4- 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2017, also at the funeral home. Rev. Mel Nielsen will officiate. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Service

DEC **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



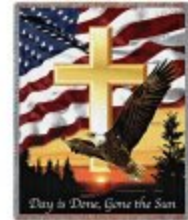
“ *Thoughts & Prayers* was purchased for the family of Merl L. Penrod.



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“ *Memorial Honor Blanket* was purchased for the family of Merl L. Penrod.



December 23, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ A "VETERAN" is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA", for an amount of up to, and including his life. That is HONOR, and there are way too many people who no longer understand that fact. You will forever be missed.

Merl & Dorothy Penrod, Leta Penrod Johnson, John & Michelle Johnson, Lee & Annie Curd

SFC (ret) John B. Johnson - December 23, 2017 at 12:06 PM