



## Charles Penny, III

February 12, 1936 - July 17, 2019

Charles Guy Penny, III, of Springfield, TN, formerly of Shreveport, LA, died Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

Charles was born February 12, 1936, in Steele, MO, and grew up in Memphis. He attended Harding in Searcy, AR, and Centenary College in Shreveport, LA, and served in the Navy from 1956-1960. Married to Carolyn Hutt Penny in 1957, the couple settled in Shreveport and raised their two children. Charles was blessed to have a career he loved, flying King Air 200 and Falcon 50 jets throughout the US, Mexico, and Canada. He was a pilot for Murco Oil & Gas, Western Company, and golfer, Hal Sutton. His favorite destination was Missoula, Montana, where he loved to hunt elk.

After retirement, Charles and Carolyn lived in Carolyn's hometown of Fouke, AR, then relocated to Pleasant View, Tennessee, to be near grandchildren. As Charles' health declined, he became a resident of Springfield Heights Assisted Living, where he spent 6 years with his "Springfield Heights" family. Charles welcomed new residents with his stories, singing, and domino games.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles G Penny, Jr. and Ava Ganell Weaver Erwin, his stepfather, Hugh Maitland Erwin, and his brother, Roy Wayne Penny.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Carolyn Hutt Penny of Pleasant View,

TN, brothers Mike Erwin (Ann) of Memphis, and Tom Penny (Tina), sister Susan Shaheen, children Lesa Penny Blackwell and husband, Tim, of Nashville, TN and Charles G Penny, IV and wife, Erin, of Pleasant View, TN. He is the grandfather of Scott, Ross, and Bennett Blackwell, and C.G., Elliott, and Eleanor Penny.

Throughout his long life, he enjoyed meeting people, telling stories of his travels, and listening to and playing music. He especially enjoyed hearing his grandchildren sing and play for him. Charles loved family time with his in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins, organizing Penny and Weaver reunions for several years.

The family would like to thank the staff of Springfield Heights who cared for Mr. Penny and became his adopted daughters.

Memorials may be made to Citizens For a Better Community, Inc., P.O. Box 689, Fouke, AR, 71837, an organization to which Charles dedicated his time and talent.

On Sunday, October 13th, 2019, Charles' ashes will be interred in Fouke Cemetery during a family graveside service. Later that day, his Celebration of Life will take place, at 1pm, at the Scoggins House in Fouke.

Online guestbook: [www.austinandbell.com/obituaries](http://www.austinandbell.com/obituaries)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-  
509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

OCT 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Scoggins House  
106 West Main Street  
Fouke, AR 1837

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Penny. As I entertained the residents of Springfield Heights, he was always so appreciative and even shared some of his favorite songs. Sincere sympathy to all of his family.*

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**Rita Burchett** - July 29, 2019 at 08:34 PM

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“ *My grandfather spent his final years there at Springfield Heights with Mr. Penny. I think Mr. Penny was one of the people he most enjoyed spending time with hearing Mr. Penny's many life stories(especially flying stories). I think my grandfather wished he could have learned to fly. Mr Penny was a very friendly man and was loved by all who got to know him.*

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**Ben Dean** - July 26, 2019 at 08:40 AM