



John Burnhill Pennington

March 21, 1933 - February 28, 2020

John Burnhill Pennington was born in 1933 in Norwalk, CT. He was preceded in death by his father John Plaskett Pennington; his mother Jessie Burnhill Pennington; his step-mother Winifred Pennington and his brother Ronald Pennington.

He leaves behind is his wife of 60 years Gretchen V. Pennington, his four children: Sean Pennington and wife Leslie, Mollie Pennington, Christian Pennington and wife Catherine & his youngest daughter Erin Pennington. His 8 grandchildren: Riley, Madison, Alex, Blake, Morgan, Hannah, Lucy and Henry. His also leaves behind his sister Kathy Gloster in Massachusetts, and brother Doug Pennington in Georgia.

John served in the Navy from 1952-1955 in the Korean War. Met his wife Gretchen while he attended West Virginia Wesleyan College, where he played football and ran track. John loved the outdoors! He was runner, a fisherman, a bird watcher, enjoyed tennis, riding his bike and walking; and loved his family.

John worked for AMF, which brought he and his wife Gretchen to California where he eventually began to work for the University of California in Davis as a manager of student housing and later at Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA.

John felt called to attend Trinity School for Ministry in 1982. He and Gretchen with their two younger children left for Ambridge, PA leaving their two eldest in California. John graduated in 1986 with a Masters in Divinity and was blessed to be called and serve at St. David's in Venetia, PA.

After almost five years at St. David's John felt called to seek ministry closer to our older children and grandchildren and a door opened in Green River, WY. After 13 years in Green River (first at St. John's and later with Church of the Epiphany) we returned to California for health reasons. We were blessed for 2 years in a warm independent Christian body when John felt from God to worship at St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Chico, CA.

After six years in Chico, CA he responded to a call to serve St. Paul's Anglican Church in Redmond, OR where he was still serving until the Lord called him home February 28th, 2020.

Contributions can be made to Oregon Band of Brothers, Redmond Chapter;
Hospice of Redmond

Redmond Memorial Chapel is honored to service the family.
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Tribute Wall



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Redmond Memorial Chapel - July 12, 2023 at 02:24 PM

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“ John had a lasting influence on many people so I wanted a lasting gift in lieu of flowers. A true man of God.

Tom Hutton - July 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dad in Chico, CA at mom's 80th birthday being contemplative.

Erin - July 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM