



## Roger Franklin Penland

August 30, 1954 - December 25, 2019

Roger Franklin Penland, 65, of Grafton, formally of Katy, passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2019, at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born on August 30, 1954, in Newport News, Virginia, a son of the late Marion Ward Penland and Lelia (Summers) Penland.

Roger was a U. S. Navy Veteran and proudly served from 1972 – 1974 during the Vietnam Era. He was a disabled Veteran and a stay at home father to his four sons.

Roger is survived by his four sons: Jonathan E. Penland and wife, Amber, of Grafton, Andrew T. Penland, of Columbus, Ohio, Roger F. Penland Jr., of Fairmont, and Mark J. Penland, of Fairmont; five grandchildren: Ethan M. Penland, Nathan I. Penland, Holden C. Penland, Liam Penland, and Willow Penland; and brother, Robert H. Watkins and wife, Barbara, of Youngstown, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, Roger was preceded in death by his wife of 33 years, Judy Kay (Harris) Penland; and his daughter, Jennifer Ann Penland.

Memorial contribution may be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses.

In keeping with his wishes, Roger will be cremated. A graveside service will take place West Virginia National Cemetery at a later date.

# Cemetery

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## WV National Cemetery

Pruntytown, WV,

# Comments

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“ 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 Roger Franklin Penland, 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 Navy Veteran, Roger Franklin Penland, 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** - December 27, 2019 at 08:22 AM

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“ I met Roger in the early 70s right after coming back home from Vietnam. We became friends, and remained so throughout our lives. For many years we were neighbors, and Roger's and Judy's kids, and my kids were good friends. Quite a long history between all of us. He can now be pain free again, and back with the love of his life. You fought long and hard, Roger. Time to take a rest now. My sincere condolences to all the family.

**Sherrie Haller** - December 26, 2019 at 07:04 PM