



## Herschell L. Penrod

April 7, 1927 - January 3, 2021

Herschell L. Penrod, 93 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Herschell was born on April 7, 1927 in Wells County, Indiana to John H. and Gladys (Wolfe) Penrod. He attended Bluffton High School and received his honorary diploma from Dr. Byanski in 2002. He served his country during World War II as a Staff Sargent for the U.S. Army. Following his discharge from the Army, he served in the Indiana National Guard for 6 years.

Herschell was a Superintendent of Construction for H & M Builders for 14 years, worked for Culligan Soft Water in Linn Grove and worked district maintenance for Bluffton-Harrison MSD for 16 years before retiring in 1992. During his retirement, Herschell worked for Habegger's Ace Lumber. He was a member of Epworth Methodist Church, American Legion Post #111 and the Masonic Lodge #145 F. & A.M. in Bluffton.

Herschell's favorite hobbies were fishing, woodworking, and he enjoyed cooking and baking. His specialty was his pineapple upside-down cake, and Herschell enjoyed making them and sharing them with his family and friends from the school. He would often drop off homemade items for the Bluffton Police Department.

Herschell enjoyed traveling to the Wisconsin Dells to go fishing and attended many Komets hockey games with his family, especially on New Year's Eve. Over the last years, Herschell enjoyed keeping in contact with this family and friends through Facebook.

Herschell and Wannetta L. (Maupin) Penrod were married in Hometown, IN on May 12, 1946. They celebrated 56 years of marriage until she preceded him in death on May 22, 2002.

Survivors include his three sons; Geoffrey (Nicole) Penrod of Columbia City, Boyd (Donna) Penrod of Bluffton and Brian (Anita) Penrod of Markle, a son-in-law, Kenneth R. Flowers of Bluffton, along with 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Herschell is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Wannetta, his daughter Jeannie Flowers and two sisters; Alverta Gutherie and Marlyn S. Penrod.

Private family services will be held with Tony Garton officiating. Friends wishing to watch Herschell's service can do so from the safety of their home, utilizing a Zoom Meeting. You can login using the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 854 7123 7550 and you can login after 10:45 A.M. on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Private family burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton. The family prefers memorials over flowers, and they can be made to the American Lung Association or Bluffton Park's Department and should be mailed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends wishing to send messages and memories of Herschell to his family can do so at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124  
Bluffton, IN

## Previous Events

### ZOOM MEETING TO VIEW THE FUNERAL SERVICE

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herschell L. Penrod*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - January 07, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *Herschell L. Penrod*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *We were so saddened to hear of Herschell's passing. He was a special person who will live on in his family and their many memories. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. May God bless you and give you peace.  
In sympathy and love,  
Gary & Carol (Reusser) Foltz*

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**Carol (Reusser) Foltz** - January 10, 2021 at 04:55 PM

GK

“ *Hersch and Wannetta lived next door to my mother (Marie Kyle) for many years. After my dad died in 1967 Hersch made sure my mother was always taken care of. He would do anything for her that needed to be done. Hersch was the epitome of what it means to be a good neighbor. I am glad that the last time I was in Bluffton (2019 for Street Fair) I went to see Hersch at his house. He immediately knew who I was and we had a great chat. He told me that he and my mother had a system worked out so he would know that all was well with her. My condolences to the entire family, and may the many fond memories I'm sure you have, sustain you as you deal with this loss.*

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**Gene Kyle** - January 07, 2021 at 05:40 PM

SA

“ *Saundra lit a candle in memory of Herschell L. Penrod*



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**saundra** - January 07, 2021 at 11:14 AM

MJ

“ *Denny and I are thinking of you during this time...we pray for peace for your family...may you always have fond memories of your dad! He live a long life and must have loved those grandchildren....thinking of Logan and Derrick too 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Mary Johnson** - January 07, 2021 at 08:54 AM

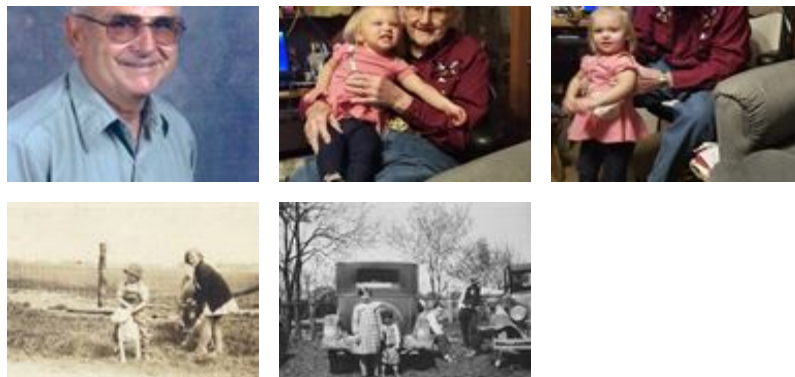
JL

“ Sorry for you loss. Herschell built our home fifty years ago for H & M Builders. He was a hard working guy. Very polite and nice to talk to. So glad we had him working on our home in Decatur. You could never forget him. Prayers for the family.

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**Joe and Pam Longsworth** - January 06, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home** - January 06, 2021 at 11:31 AM

DP

“ Dan & Peggy Paxson lit a candle in memory of Herschell L. Penrod



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**Dan & Peggy Paxson** - January 05, 2021 at 05:06 PM

NH

“ *Deepest condolences to the Penrod and flowers families. Herschell was a wonderful Father and grandfather, & leaves behind a great legacy!*

*Praying for all of you and may memories of him and love, console you at this time and give you peace.*

*Love, Nancy*

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**Nancy Reusser Halstead** - January 05, 2021 at 03:24 PM

GH

“ *So sorry to hear of Herschell's passing. Many memories of him from Epworth UM Church. May God Bless you with beautiful memories that bring you comfort and peace.*

*Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

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**Glennis Henly** - January 05, 2021 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Herschell L. Penrod.*



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January 05, 2021 at 10:59 AM

DG

“ I’m sadden to learn of Herschel’s passing. We had many lively conversations together. We both loved to fish and work with wood. He was truly a master craftsmen with wood. One thing about Herschel that I admired was he wasn’t afraid to tell you his opinion and he stood up for what he believed in. The Penrod family will be in my prayers. He truly earned his wings and he is flying high watching over us. Dan Gerdom



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**Dan Gerdom** - January 03, 2021 at 03:58 PM

BC

“ Dear Geoff, Boyd, Brian, Kenny and Penrod Families so very Saddened to hear about your Dad Herschell! All our Prayers go out to each of u for your loss! 🙏 May God grant u all the Peace, Grace, and Comfort as u Grieve his loss! Herschell was a very Good Christian Man! He was a Dear Friend who I will surely miss but will see again someday! Heaven has gained a very Special Angel today! God Bless the Penrod Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen CROSBIE! ❤️



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**Barry Crosbie** - January 03, 2021 at 01:52 PM