



George Thomas Pence

December 7, 1937 - December 3, 2016

George Thomas Pence, 78, of Estero, FL and Cerro Gordo, IL, died Saturday, December 3, 2016. He was born December 7, 1937 in Hillsboro, IL, the son of Clyde and Della Mae (née Williams) Pence.

Mr. Pence served with distinction in the U.S. Navy as a Machinist's Mate. He retired after 24 years of service as a Master Chief Petty Officer.

He is survived by his loving companion of many years, Geraldine "Gerry" Young; his beloved children, Kelly Marie (Jim) Pence of Decatur, IL, Michael Pence of Bunker Hill, IL and Sherrol (Alan) Knotts of Godfrey, IL; brothers, Robert (Pat) Pence, Ray "Peg" (Anna) Pence and James (Gerri) Pence; sisters, Shirley Oliver and Gloria (Robert) Herr; five grandchildren, Christopher (Crystal) Pence, Jamie (Michael) Zientara, Anthony (Wendy) Hobbs Jr., Erica Pence and Ariel Knotts; and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Pence; and his grandchildren, Tommy and Dana Pence.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. He will be buried at sea with military honors by the U.S. Navy.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *George Thomas Pence*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Remembering good times at his Strawberry Patch. So sorry for your loss Regina Maxeiner*



Regina Maxeiner - December 05, 2016 at 08:58 PM

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Thank you Regina. We have many great memories from the berry patch

kelly pence - December 28, 2016 at 11:55 AM

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“ *I was so sorry to hear of George's passing. He was always so considerate to people who he felt helped him in any way. I always got such joy out of the little things he would bring me back from his travels and our talks in at the office. Now when I look at these I can always remember this brave man who had been through so much but kept on with the fight. He never gave up. He said he just had to work a little harder at the things he did in the past but he always found a way. May God give comfort to those loved ones he left behind. He will be missed by many of us back in Illinois.*

*Dana Miller
Country Financial
Livingston, IL.*

Dana Miller - December 05, 2016 at 05:13 PM

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“ George was a loving man who had a unique way with communicating his likes and dislikes. Once you were accustomed to his demeanor, you knew what to expect and expected nothing less. Through his gruff exterior and nicknames for everyone resided a caring man with a distinctive outlook on life. George was a decorated Navy veteran who was humble but proud of his service to his country. Watching George on the U.S.S. Constitution, the way the Seamen addressed George and honored his rank and service was heartwarming. George stood a little taller and a little prouder that day.

I will sorely miss George and enjoyed the conversations we had and the memories we shared. I am honored to have known him and to have been privileged enough for him to be a part of my life. From my family to his, we love you, we miss you, rest in peace.

“Honor, Courage, Commitment” - US Navy Core Values

“Non Sibi Sed Patriae!” - (Not for self, but country)

Mike K. - December 04, 2016 at 05:59 PM