



Charles Albert Pennington

June 10, 1947 - March 25, 2015

Charles Albert Pennington, age 67, of Pickford, Michigan, died unexpectedly March 25, 2015, while out in his field caring for his cattle, a place he loved to be. He was born June 10, 1947, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Howard James Pennington and Eleanor Warrington (Abbott) Pennington.

Charlie was a lifelong Pickford resident and a member of the 1965 graduating class at Pickford High School. He was a heavy equipment operator who worked for various local employers before working for over 20 years for the Chippewa County Road Commission at the Pickford garage. Charlie was a farmer at heart. He started very young caring for animals for his uncle and his parents before continuing to farm on his own. He was very passionate about caring for the land. As he said, "they aren't making any more." Charlie frequently worked in his fields in the evening and at night, enjoying the peace and quiet, watching the wild animals, the moon and stars. He was especially impressed with the Northern Lights. Vocational education was also a passion for him. Charlie was kind and gentle and slow to show anger. He was a member of the Pickford Fire Department for several years, as well.

Charlie often worked at inventing things that solved problems and helped him complete various projects on his farm. He truly enjoyed friends and neighbors stopping to ask his advice on completing a project. They would visit for as long as they could stay. He was always willing to lend a helping hand

wherever needed and was full of ideas he liked to share.

Charlie had an ultralight airplane that he loved to fly around the area.

Charlie is survived by one sister, Mary Jane Pennington of Pickford and by many cousins, friends and neighbors who will also miss him.

Charlie was preceded in death by one sister, Nancy Ann Pennington, when she was a toddler; and by his parents.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 15, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Following the service, there will be a funeral procession past his farm to Fairview Cemetery for burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pickford Historical Society, PO Box 572, Pickford, MI 49774; Pickford Presbyterian Church, PO Box 266, Pickford, MI 49774, or Hospice of the EUP, 308 W 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
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<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Albert Pennington*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Charles Albert Pennington*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



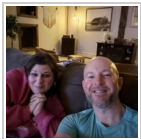
“ *Charles Albert Pennington*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Charlie was a great neighbor and friend and will greatly be missed. He was always willing to help you out if you were having issues during having seasonq! He was a wealth of knowledge and had great storeys to tell!*

Dale - April 05, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ *Charlie was the best friend and neighbor you could ask for. We will miss seeing him out in the fields, day or night. Steve could always go to him when he needed a hand, or advice. We lost a dear friend, but we are so thankful for all the wonderful memories he left us with.*

Steve & Peggy McConkey <3

Peggy McConkey - April 02, 2015 at 09:27 AM

GF

“ Dear Pennington Family and Friends,
I wasn't privileged with the remarkable acquaintance of Mr.Pennington as you were,but it saddens me to read of your loss. Please accept my family's sincerest condolences. It brings great comfort to many to know that the Almighty God and Creator promises us in his word the Bible, that soon death, mourning, outcry, and pain will be no more. May you have peace.

Greene Family - March 31, 2015 at 05:47 PM

GS

“ Charlie was a good man, well liked by all he worked with. Gone too soon. Gary

Gary Salo - March 31, 2015 at 05:05 AM

BM

“ Charlie will always be one of my best friends, from the times we rode snowmobile,to riding those little red Honda wide tire bikes. Plowing snow at the air base we always work together while plowing those big parking lots. Working at Slaters on Friday and Saturday nights.after moving to Shepherd Michigan I could go back and go to his garage and talk for hours and start right where left off from my last visit. We miss him always. Brian MacDonald

Brian MacDonald - March 30, 2015 at 08:10 PM

BB

“ Charlie was the best neighbor anyone could ask for. I would tell Cindy I need to go see Charlie for a few minutes, be back in an hour or two. Loved his stories and loved him. I could not count the times he plowed our drive, helped fix equipment, or helped around the farm. Even after we moved 300 miles away we always looked forward to seeing him when we were back in town. It just won't be the same. Mary Jane, we are so sorry for your loss. Bill and Cindy Butler

Bill Butler - March 29, 2015 at 08:42 PM

HG

“ I'll remember most "the stories". Charlie always seemed to have one...about how the world could look differently at things, or the way things were, or stories on the farm. Never left one of them without a smile. A good man and a great friend. RIP Charlie. You will be missed by many. Henry & Jaymie Guzzo

Henry Guzzo - March 29, 2015 at 08:16 PM

VL

“ I will miss Charlie a lot, a lot of good times working with him at the county. If you needed help for anything he would be the first to offer without even asking for it. A very hard worker. He Loved his J.D's

Vic Libby - March 29, 2015 at 05:15 PM

RK

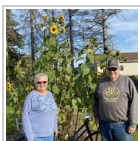
“ Charlie was an easy man to like.

Reuben Kamper - March 29, 2015 at 04:29 PM

MH

“ Charlie was a ray of sunshine. Seeing him come thru the door always brought a smile to my face. He would joke with me and ask when I was going to get some cattle to put back on my Dad's farm. He helped my family and so many others during hard times. I will never forget him. Charlie will always have a place in my heart, right next to my Dad.

Merilee O'Polka Hall - March 29, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ We have lost a great friend who never asked for anything but was always there for my family and myself. He will be missed. Love and prayers Mary Jane and family. Jim and Karen\lll

Jim Rye - March 28, 2015 at 09:00 PM



“ Nicole Stec lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Pennington



Nicole Stec - March 28, 2015 at 08:50 PM

TS

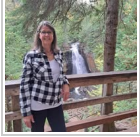
“ <3 Thinking of You, a very Special Man =)

Tina Skinner - March 28, 2015 at 08:37 PM

LL

“ Our deepest sympathy, Charlie was a great friend and will be so missed. So very sorry for your loss. Les and Diane Laitinen

les laitinen - March 28, 2015 at 04:43 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Charlie. He spent a lot of time at our house as he was best friends with my brother, Bud. The best time was December of 1966 when Charlie, Bud, my sister Carol and I made a trip to Florida. We only had one jacket with us and it was cooler than expected, so whoever got up first in the morning got the jacket. We had so many laughs and great memories that I will never forget. Our deepest sympathies to you, MaryJane.

Eda Palo - March 28, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and Prayers for Mary Jane.

Cathy Smith - March 28, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ Mary Jane so sorry for your loss our neighborhood has lost a special friend. Charlie could tell stories better than anyone. Always loved when he would stop and talk when we were walking our dog and he was feeding his cattle. My favorite memory is how he always cleared a path of snow when CAI would be late with the truck and I didn't know how I was going to get my two babies and myself in my driveway. He always was helping others. A very special man.

Sharon Portice - March 28, 2015 at 02:29 PM



“ Mary Jane, I am so saddened for the loss of your brother and my friend. Charlie and I did not get a chance to fly together, but he was my inspiration. We had a nice chat at the Stalwart Fair; he will be well remembered.
Roger Roe

Roger J Roe - March 27, 2015 at 10:24 PM

PR

“ So sorry for the loss of my fellow Class of 65' Pickford High classmate. We were friends since kindergarten, and I will always remember his friendly, downhome nature. He was surely a "good guy" and will be missed. With fond memories, Pat (Belinski) Roe.

Pat (Belinski) Roe - March 27, 2015 at 07:23 PM

KM

“ Keith And Susie MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Pennington



Keith and Susie MacDonald - March 27, 2015 at 06:02 PM

KM

Our neighbourhood has lost a great man. He was there if you needed something and always had a smile and a wave for you.

Keith and Susie MacDonald - March 27, 2015 at 06:07 PM

LC

Mary Jane so sorry for the loss of your brother, you are in my thoughts and prayers

luann curtis - March 28, 2015 at 03:54 PM

 Lisa Cline

Charlie was a hard worker and special guy! I will miss driving down Pennington Road and seeing him on the tractor!

Lisa Cline - March 28, 2015 at 06:09 PM

SS

“ *Mary Jane, I did not know your brother well but he was a good friend of my brother Paul and Paul will miss him. Paul and Cheryl are in Florida and I will let them know. Sorry for your loss.*

Sharyl Stevenson - March 27, 2015 at 05:01 PM