

Donald V. Penney | 1931-2016

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Donald V. Penney, 85, of Boonsville, died Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

Graveside service and celebration of life is noon Saturday, July 2, at the Boonsville Cemetery and Community Center in Boonsville.

Don was born Feb. 5, 1931, in Midland, Mich., to Harley V. and Ellen (Seagerlund) Penney. He joined the U.S. Army Jan. 25, 1952, and served in the Korean War. He received the United Nations Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars and the National Defense Service Ribbon.

He married Virginia M. Nicolai Aug. 12, 1956, in Midland, Mich.

Don grew up on a farm and trained as a mechanic. In the early 1960s, he moved to Fort Worth with his wife and children for a warmer climate. He worked hard and eventually became co-owner of a successful manufacturing business from which he retired.

Don and his wife moved to Boonsville where he loved ranching, helping his community and providing a welcoming home for friends and family passing through Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and beloved twin sister, Elsie Waite. Don is survived by his wife; son Dennis and wife, Margaret; son David; daughter Ellen DeGarmo; sister Phyllis Penney Berfield; brother Harley Penney; grandchildren Jessica Penney Croshman, Tenille Penney Randolph, Daniel Penney, David Penney, Michelle DeGarmo Cole, Kevin DeGarmo and Logan Penney; his great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, who were as dear as family.