



Willard Penfold

June 26, 2025

Willard Leslie Penfold, 82, husband of the late Lois Penfold, departed for his eternal home on June 26, 2025, after a brief illness. Mr. Willard was born in Cheboygan, Michigan, on July 3, 1942, to the late Valley Clarence and Violet May Warner Penfold.

Mr. Willard is survived by his daughters: Diane (David) Phy and Leslie (David) Hill; grandchildren: Shelly Hill, Payton (Bev) Hill, and Celeste Phy; great grandchildren: Jayton Buck, Braxton Hill, Brenton Buck, Dreyson Hill, and Jax Gastineau; sister: Amy Clark; Carla's husband: Scott Sutherland; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and in laws. He also leaves behind his dear friends who were considered family: Bill (Teresa) Thomas and their family; Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group: the aforesaid, Terry Pampel, Jack Williams, Jim Runtz, and David Angle; several neighbors and friends. Mr. Willard was preceded in death by daughter: Carla Starkey Sutherland; brothers: Willis, Johnny, and Emerson Penfold; sisters: Beatrice Reno, Dorisie Pincombe, Rosie Winebarger, Frances Miller, Leona O'Connell, and Donna Kovach.

Mr. Willard was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. He served his country during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Willard was a quality inspector at GM – Powertrain in Romulus, Michigan, before his retirement in 1999. While working Mr. Willard and Lois enjoyed traveling in their motor home, planning family reunions, and snowmobiling. After retiring from GM, Mr. Willard and Lois made their home in Alabama. He

had several hobbies throughout his life which included hunting, fishing, wood working, key making, mowing, bicycling, walking the neighbor's dogs, spending time with friends, playing the guitar, and singing karaoke. Mr. Willard was a dear friend to many and will be missed.

Mr. Willard was a longtime member of Swift Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be held for Mr. Willard on October 18, 2025, 11:00 a.m., at Swift Presbyterian Church, with Reverend Alexandra Hutson conducting the service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Willard Penfold.* ”



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