



## Delmar G. "Demp" Penley

February 17, 1929 - July 15, 2016

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Delmar G. "Demp" Penley, 87, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 15, 2016 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Norton, VA.

He was born in Wise County, VA on Feb. 17, 1929, lived in Ohio for 28 years and returning to Big Stone Gap in 1985. He was a retired machinist from the Caterpillar Tractor Corp., with 23 years of service. He was a member, deacon, Sunday school teacher and trustee of the There Is Hope Full Gospel Church in Big Stone Gap, VA. He attained the rank of Sargent in the U. S. Army, having served in Japan and Korea and the Virginia National Guard.

He was preceded in death by three daughters, Brenda Penley, Doris Penley and Marlena Hitterman; son, Glenn Hendershot; step-granddaughter, Julie Hendershot; his parents, John F. and Roxie Grindstaff; four brothers, Keaster Grindstaff, Kenneth Penley, David Penley and Roy Penley and one sister, Betty Sturgill.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Geraldine "Betty" Penley; two daughters, Rhonda Wright, Willoughby, OH, and Debra (John) Skokan of Willoughby Hills, OH; two sons, Delmar Lee (Annette) Penley of Ohio and Gregory Hendershot, Sr. of Fort Myers, FL; 24 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren

and several great-great grandchildren; one step-son, Gary Hendershot of Lomita, CA; two sisters, Louise Cress of Big Stone Gap, and Marilyn Kline of Columbus, OH; and several nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor John Dickenson officiating.

Military rites, by the VA National Guard Honors Team and local V. F. W. and D. A. V. posts will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday at American Legion Cemetery. The family and friends will meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. Tuesday to go in procession to the cemetery.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Penley family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
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## Service

JUL 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Procession

JUL 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

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## Military Honors

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JUL **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

American Legion Cemetery  
5001 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

# Tribute Wall



“ *Delmar G. "Demp" Penley*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Betty, Gregory Snd all my family. I know your sadness and will keep you all in my prayers. God Bless. Andrea*

**Andrea Verdekai Serratore** - July 21, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ *I am sad to hear about your lose of Delmer. My dad and I visited him a few years back . It was the first and only time we met him, although we are distant cousins. My dad passed in Jan. 2018 and I miss him just like I know you miss Delmer. The good thing is we will see them again someday in heaven. Wayne Penley*

**wayne penley** - July 19, 2016 at 06:45 AM



“ *Aimee lit a candle in memory of Delmar G. "Demp" Penley*



**Aimee** - July 18, 2016 at 10:34 PM



“ *We were very sorry to hear about the passing of Lee's father. Our sincere condolences to your family. Love, Aimee, Juliana, and Jessica*

**Aimee** - July 18, 2016 at 10:34 PM

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“ Tom, Karyn (Penley), Haley and Hannah Mino purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Delmar G. "Demp" Penley.



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**Tom, Karyn (Penley), Haley and Hannah Mino** - July 16, 2016  
at 06:01 PM

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“ I meet him at the bottom church at big stone gap va and thee church of Appalachia va.he always like to praise the lord anywhere you see him.he became my late husband steve little buddy when god took you he knew what he was doing.sister betty you are in my heart and prayers I know how you feel I hope and pray that god will give you strength.your friends the Johnson family bro dimp tell serve that I love him love penny

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**pennyjohnson** - July 16, 2016 at 05:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delmar G. "Demp" Penley.



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July 16, 2016 at 02:27 PM

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“ I will miss you Grandpa. Love you always ❤️



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**Angie** - July 16, 2016 at 01:37 AM