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M. Rex Pennington, 88, of Cambridge, passed away peacefully in his home on March 7, 2026. He was born on May 17, 1937, in Keokee, Virginia, to the late Ezra and Eliza Pennington.

Rex dedicated many years of service to Cambridge State Hospital, where he worked as a security guard in the hospital's fire department before retiring. He was a member of Mount Hermon Presbyterian Church.

A man who truly loved the outdoors and the simple joys of life, Rex spent many years tending his farm and caring for his cattle. He took pride in being involved in 4-H with his children and spent many years attending the Guernsey County Fair. Rex also enjoyed hunting and playing softball and was an enthusiastic supporter of his grandchildren's sporting events.

The grandkids played many sports, and he loved all but lacrosse often left him puzzled. Those who knew Rex can still hear him saying with a shake of his head, "Gosh dog it! Who can see that little ball?"

In retirement, Rex especially enjoyed taking drives to the Amish country with his beloved wife, Kay-often just for the ride and, of course, a good home-cooked meal. He also treasured the time spent visiting with his lunch buddies at the Trail Family Diner in Cambridge.

Rex is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Kay (Lawrence) Pennington; his daughter, Melinda Warner; his son, Richard Pennington (Julie Urdak); and his

daughter, Melissa (Aaron) Zamensky. He was a proud and devoted grandfather to nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brother, Bob Pennington of Keokee, Virginia, along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Rex was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Wayne Warner, and 12 brothers and sisters.

Rex and Kay were fortunate to live in a neighborhood that felt more like family, and Rex shared many lasting friendships and wonderful memories with those around him.

The family is deeply grateful to all who took the time to visit Rex and offer their kindness, comfort, and support during his final days.

Calling hours will be held at Bundy-Law Funeral Home in Cambridge, Ohio, on Thursday, March 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A funeral service will immediately follow, with a graveside service at Northwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Guernsey County in recognition of the exemplary care and compassion they provided. Rex's online tribute wall and guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Services

MAR 12. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Bundy-Law Funeral Home - March 14 at 10:26 AM

BH

“ *Kay and family, I am so sorry to hear of Rex's passing. He was a very kind man and always had a smile on his face. I loved watching him raise his bird houses every year. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*



Brenda Hursey - March 12 at 11:03 AM

JH

“ *Kay and family, I have many fun memories of you and Rex at softball games and food events in the Indian Camp community and Mount Hermon church. Rex always manicured your beautiful landscape of flowers and bird houses at your home. He will be missed.*



Joan and Bob Howell - March 12 at 10:07 AM

JB

“ *Melinda, I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time* 💔



Jenn Bailey - March 12 at 08:19 AM

MO

“ *Melinda, so sorry for your loss. You and your family are on my mind during this hard time.*

Michael ORourke - March 11 at 03:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of M. Rex Pennington.*

March 11 at 09:42 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



March 11 at 09:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



March 11 at 09:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



March 11 at 08:57 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



March 10 at 04:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



March 10 at 04:12 PM

NB

“ Dear Kay, so very sorry for your loss. I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Nel. Baker - March 10 at 11:18 AM

EM

“ Eliza and Michael purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of M. Rex Pennington.



Eliza and Michael - March 09 at 06:46 PM

LA

“ Kay and family saddened to hear of Rex's passing . I had the pleasure of knowing /working with him many years at the hospital . such a kind man with always a smile . May the memories always remain , God grant you comfort in the coming days and may he rest in eternal peace

Loretta Anderson - March 09 at 12:10 PM

RM

“ Rex was a wonderful uncle. So many memories of him. Aunt Kay and family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rita McKnight - March 09 at 09:34 AM

RM

“ *Rita McKnight lit a candle in memory of M. Rex Pennington*



Rita McKnight - March 09 at 09:32 AM

BG

“ *Kay and family, sorry to hear about Rex, I knew Rex a long time, remember him with Dad at work at the state hospital. May your memories help you get through this difficult time. God bless you all, Bruce and Connie Geese*

BRUCE GEESE - March 08 at 04:07 PM

JH

“ *Kay and Family so sorry for your loss.*



Judy Hardin - March 08 at 04:04 PM

CK

“ *Carla Kelley lit a candle in memory of M. Rex Pennington*



Carla Kelley - March 08 at 03:32 PM

CK

Many good memories of Rex on that gator! My deepest sympathy to Kay and family..

Carla Kelley - March 08 at 03:35 PM

NB

“ *Dear Kay, So very sorry for your loss. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Nell Baker - March 08 at 12:28 PM

LN

“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family. May love and peace surround you.*

Linda Nicholson - March 08 at 12:04 PM

MB

“ *Marianne B. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



Marianne B. - March 08 at 12:02 PM

SF

“ *Seymore Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



Seymore Family - March 08 at 11:50 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



March 08 at 11:46 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of M. Rex Pennington.*



March 08 at 11:07 AM