



## John M. "Mountain Man" Penley

May 7, 1956 - February 11, 2016

John M. "Mountain Man" Penley, age 59 of Hobart, IN passed away peacefully on February 11, 2016.

John enjoyed listening to music. He spent his spare time reading, but most of all he enjoyed being with his family especially his grandchildren. John worked at Mittal Steel as a craneman for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Madalyn and John Penley; brother, Danny Penley and his infant son, John Penley.

John is survived by his wife, Cathy Penley; 4 daughters - Jennifer (Ray) Hornak, Julie (Brian) Hulette, Joy Penley, Jonna Penley; 6 grandchildren – Anne, Grace, Joey, Makayla, Gabriel, and Baby Jose; 2 brothers - David (Dena) Penley, Steve (Alice) Penley; loving mother-in-law, Yvette Spindler; lifelong friend, Sid; brother-in-law, Lloyd (Tonja) Allard; sister-in-law, Sandra (Chris) Wood; many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral service Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Rev. Don Good officiating. Friends are invited to visit with John's family on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Angel Pendant & Chain was purchased for the family of John M. "Mountain Man" Penley.*



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September 04, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *Tree of Life Memorial Urn Pendant was purchased for the family of John M. "Mountain Man" Penley.*



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September 04, 2020 at 02:29 PM



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December 07, 2016 at 03:52 PM



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December 07, 2016 at 03:40 PM

Anne  
Kershaw

“ you where like a dad to me i miss you so much :/



Anne Kershaw - October 09, 2016 at 08:11 AM

TA

“ John I am so gonna miss you. You know that I am having my own health issues now because we talked about it. I prefer to remember you like you were and not like that person that horrible disease turned you into. I will never forget you and when it's my time we will meet again I am sure of that. So put in a good word for me and let me stick around for my daughter. Much love and respect. Peace and healing hugs to your wife and kids as well as your grands. Until I see you again my dear friend.



Tammy - February 16, 2016 at 04:20 PM

Melissa  
Balboa

“ I remember john breaking me in on the anneals cranes. Boy did he have his work cut out for him. First time up with him I was petrified with fear of those cranes. He tried so much to help me but my fear took over that day. I miss him. I'll always remember that smile and him telling me ( Melissa don't u barf on me)!! Lol. I remember laughing so hard with him bout that day. Rest in peace with our Lord and Savior and fly high with the angels. Prayers for his family. God bless u all.

Melissa Balboa - February 16, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John M. "Mountain Man" Penley.*



February 14, 2016 at 11:36 PM



“ *Lana, Gail, Georgia & Theresa Penley purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of John M. "Mountain Man" Penley.*



**Lana, Gail, Georgia & Theresa Penley** - February 13, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *I remember many Sundays at grandpa Penleys playing with all the cousins. And listening to his dad playing the guitar and singing hymns.*

**Sandi Konopacke** - February 13, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of John M. "Mountain Man" Penley.*



February 13, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ I met John in 1968 through the mutual friendship of our dads. While we never became "close friends" we were always friendly and had a number of conversations throughout high school about music, school, and "being real, not fake." From everything I have read in the FB posts from those who were closest to John, he accomplished his goal to remain real. I send my deepest sympathies out to John's family and close friends.

Richard Dukes - February 13, 2016 at 08:35 AM



“ I remember John. He broke me in on about two or three cranes at the cold strip. He showed me an old picture of himself without the beard. I told him that he looked like Paul McCartney. That became my nickname for him ever after. He was always a very nice guy. May he rest in peace at the feet of our Savior. Blessings and healing to the family.

Vanessa Smith - February 12, 2016 at 10:01 PM

SP

thanks Vanessa, those r very kind words, I'm glad you know the Saviour we love.

steve Penley - February 15, 2016 at 12:08 AM

BL

“ So sorry to hear of Mountain Man passing my thoughts and prays are with the family. I have known Mountain Man for many years we started at the 28 inch bar mill together and then we met up again at the cold strip. He will be deeply missed



Becky Longoria - February 12, 2016 at 09:33 PM