



## FRANCIS CLAYTON PENCE

September 16, 1935 - October 28, 2016

PENCE, Francis Clayton, age 81, of Middletown, Ohio, passed away Friday, October 28, 2016. He was born September 16, 1935 to George and Eleanor (Dearth) Pence. Francis graduated from Middletown High School Class of 1954 where he played football, and was a lifelong resident of Middletown. He served in the U.S. Army from September 1958 through August 1960, serving the majority of his time in Germany as an Ordnance Support Specialist. After his honorable discharge from the service he began a career at Armco Steel where he worked in several different departments over the course of 30 years. He retired in 1985, looking forward to having the freedom to follow his passions and do what he wanted to do. Francis loved bass fishing and playing golf with his close friends and spent many years actively pursuing both sports. He also loved to travel to different states and especially loved fishing in Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas, and seeking out the natural beauty and wonders of the American West. He dearly loved his country and was passionate about its history! He is remembered as a loving brother, father, uncle and friend to many. He loved his children, grandkids, nieces and nephews and always made time for them whenever possible. If they needed something he was always there for them. He absolutely loved kids. Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Lorine Mattingly and two brothers, Elzie and Tom Pence. He is survived by two sons, Eric and Marc; grandchildren, Brett, Erika, McKenzie, Audrey and Ethan; one brother, Phillip Pence; several nieces and nephews; one "unofficial brother", Lloyd Larison,

who was with our family for 70 years, who we call brother and love like a brother; and many other extended family and friends. Private family services will be held at Woodside Cemetery, with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-3678. Phone: 901-595-3300. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)

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“Wow! There are so many memories to share! I would love it if everyone shares a memory. I will then place them on my Ancestry for France for future family members to read.

Our 2013 trip out West - France met up with us in Dubois, Wyoming. We go out every year to Dubois to 4-wheel. We told him we would take an extra 4-wheeler and see him there because we knew that he liked to travel alone and would travel more on after he left us. Well he rode!!! It was amazing to see a 79 year old 4-wheeling and more amazing that he kept up with us. We rode the McKinney Pass with him and he loved it! The next day he kept talking about how he thought he lost the use of his thumb from throttling on the 4-wheeler. He said he was hoping he would get it back because it sure was a pain to un-zip your pants for the bathroom. If you all know him, he went into more detail than that and I giggle at the thought of what he said. He stayed with us for about 3 days. The past 2 years that we have gone back to Dubois, it is always.....do you remember France doing this or that?

He also told me that he thought I was superwoman because he did not think there was anything that I couldn't do. I took that as a great compliment because of how France was and there were only a few women that he told me he had a lot of respect for.

Thanksgiving will not be the same and I cry as I say this, but he was always there and always one, if not, one of the last to leave our home. He was such a source of information to the family and I love teasing him with my hugs!

France you will "definitely" be missed by our Family!

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**Sherry Pence** - November 04, 2016 at 11:32 AM