

Nick Floyd Penning, Jr.
May 15, 1935 – December 22, 1988

Nick Floyd Penning, Jr., 53, of Rapid City, South Dakota, died on December 22, 1988, at a Rapid City nursing home.

Nick was born on May 15, 1935, in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, and grew up in the surrounding area. He attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, graduating in 1954.

In 1964, Nick moved to the Black Hills, where he worked for several years at Bethlehem Cave, Shrine of the Nativity. He later settled in Rapid City and worked for Control Data Corporation and Magnetic Peripheral Company before retiring in 1987.

Nick maintained connections with the Deaf community through his membership in the Rapid City Association of the Deaf, the South Dakota Association of the Deaf, and the National Association of the Deaf.

He was survived by five brothers: Loren and Melvin Penning, both of Dell Rapids; Elmer Penning of Belle Fourche; Gary Penning of Denver, Colorado; and Terry Penning of Sioux Falls. He was also survived by seven sisters: Bernice Stensland of Waverly, Iowa; Delores Burggraff of Egan; Alice Burggraff of Colton; Vera Burggraff of Hartford; Karen Penning of Eagleville, Tennessee; Maxine Thomason of Nashville, Tennessee; and Connie Cook of Hills, Iowa.

A funeral Mass was held on December 27, 1988, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City, followed by burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery. A rosary was recited on December 26 at Osheim-Catron Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions were requested to the Rapid City Association of the Deaf.

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Front row, left to right: Larry Pibal, Nick Penning, Reggie Weerman, Norman Wilson, Harry Hofwolt, Dean Keefe and Bob Dillman.
Middle row: Clifford Johnson, Howard Young, Archie Hawkins, Gary Benoist, Larry Strain and Gene Moss.
Back row: Wayne Hespe, Dohn Jones, Jim Mitchell, Jim Schell, Edwin Krueger and Wally Jensen.
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