

Edward Alton Pennington, Sr.

was born on May 13, 1928 in Phil Campbell, Alabama to Pearl and Grover Pennington, the youngest of their 5 children.

He was born 2 months premature and only weighed 2- 1/2 pounds. The doctor was so sure he wouldn't survive that he gave the family his condolences and went back to town. Determined he would live, his mother fed him goat's milk with an eye dropper and fashioned a homemade incubator on the back of her wood stove. As Edward always told everyone, "The 13th is an unlucky day, but it was the luckiest day of my life."

As a young man he grew up on a farm, and spent his days hunting, fishing and exploring the surrounding creeks and hills. Because beans were his favorite food, his friends started calling him "Bean". The nickname stuck and everyone knew him as "Bean" or "Mr. Bean."

On July 23, 1950, another lucky day, he married Kathryn Faye Bryant in York, South Carolina. During their 57 years together, they raised 4 children who gave them 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed growing a big garden each year and had an orchard with all kinds of fruit trees and bee hives. His love for growing things was passed on to each of his children, along with a strong work ethic. He spent many years working in the timber industry, logging and pulp-wooding.

But life was not all work. He also loved traveling, spending time in the mountains or at the beach with family and lived in Alaska for 20 years even though he didn't like SNOW.

Faith and music always played an important part in his life and he loved attending church, writing songs, playing his guitar and singing with family and friends.

When Edward Alton Pennington, Sr. left this life on January 28, 2008, he left a hole in our hearts. Our loving husband, Daddy and PaPa---he will be deeply missed and thought of every day until we are all together again.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ralph and Roy Pennington; one sister, Ila Mae Greene.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-seven years, Kathryn Faye Bryant Pennington, of Fayetteville, Arkansas; two sons, Alton Pennington and wife, Joyce of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Thomas Pennington and wife, Jessa of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Jannie Roberts and husband, Danny of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Shirley Morgan and husband, Jerry of Wasilla, Alaska; six grandchildren, Aaron Roberts of Anchorage, Alaska, Kathryn Morgan and Madison Morgan of Wasilla, Alaska, Bryan Roberts and Amy Hileman of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Seth Pennington of Portland, Tennessee; three great-grandchildren, Elena Roberts, Connor Hileman and Evelyn Hileman all of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Pennington family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas**

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Edward Alton Pennington Sr.

May 13, 1928 - January 28, 2008

TWENTY THIRD PSALM

The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in
green pastures: He leadeth me beside
the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life: and
I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF

Edward Alton Pennington Sr.

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE

Monday, February 4, 2008 - 10:00 A.M.
Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music

Prayer

Pastor Harry Hamilton

"Softly and Tenderly"

John Perry

Obituary and Scripture

Harry Hamilton

Eulogy

Harry Hamilton or Family

"How Great Thou Art"

John Perry

Message

Harry Hamilton

"In the Garden"

John Perry

Family Memory Video

Postlude Music

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE BETHESDA CEMETERY PAVILION

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Bethesda Cemetery
Morrow, Arkansas
"Beulah Land" by John Perry

PALLBEARERS

Danny Roberts - Bryan Roberts - Seth Pennington - Charlie Rogers
Gene Davis - Ed Hayes - Lyle Hayes - Mark Perry

MEMORIALS

The Maples at Har-Ber Meadows
6456 Lynch's Prairie Cove - Springdale, AR 72762

1:00 p.m. Family meal at Wedington Place Senior Apartments Community Room