



## Harold E Pickartz

September 9, 1921 - May 8, 2024

Harold E. Pickartz, age 102 of Ozark, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2024, in Ozark. He was born September 9, 1921, in a log cabin in Philpot Valley Ozark, Arkansas to Oliver and Vernie Stewart Pickartz. Harold graduated the 8th grade from Grenades Chapel and then Ozark School in 1941. He worked in California on the B24 bomber for 26 months, returned to Ozark to join the service in the Army basic, joined gunnery school, and became certified as a gunner on a Tank Destroyer. The Tank Destroyer Unit was destroyed, and Harold was chosen as a Fighter Pilot, but was noted as being color blind, so he joined the infantry, went to the Philippines as a Tech Sergeant, left the Philippines for the southern tip of Japan, made three trips to Hiroshima for inspections, left Japan for the United States, and then to Ft Charles. While in Japan, Harold's friends had entered him in a wrestle match with the Champion of Japan, even though he didn't like the idea, he crawled in, the champions arms were slick and larger than Harold's body, so he jumped out and had a big cheer. Two Civilians from Fort Charles tried taking him to Kentucky to be a tobacco auctioneer for a tobacco company and Harold wanted to stay in Arkansas.

Harold was into sports as well; he participated in baseball and basketball and even started his own league in Ozark. For nine months he worked for the State National Guard and was trying to get the National Guard a position in Ozark. It took three officers and twelve enlisted men, and it was called 937 C.

Battery Field Artillery. After a few years the big battery was called to Korea for long range 155mm shells. Harold earned the Presidential citation. He fixed one of the big guns with a penny and put it back in action. He was also part of World War II. Harold retired after 22 years of service and worked for 20 years as an Automotive Instructor at Arkansas Valley Vocational School before retiring from Arkansas Teachers. After retiring, Harold and his wife Bessie bought a farm, a house, and a few cattle. The cattle and horses are now gone, but Harold and Bessie still managed a garden, mowing the lawn, spending time fishing, and wood working. He taught Sunday School and was a Deacon at the Presbyterian Church. Harold was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 3455 in Altus, Arkansas, the Arkansas Cattlemen Association, the Ozark Young Baseball, Charter Member of Ozark National Guard, and was a Mason.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Alma Anderson; and one daughter, Pamela Dotson Ihle.

Harold is survived by his wife of 47 years, Bessie Pruitt Pickartz; his children, David Pickartz, Cathy Pickartz Bennett, Kelly Pickartz Neissl, John Pickartz, Debra Summers, and Billy Dotson; twenty-one grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren.

Open viewing visitation will be 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Sunday, May 12, 2024, at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Graveside service will be 10:00 A.M., Monday, May 13, 2024, at Highland Cemetery, Highway 64 West in Ozark, with Brother Steve Sawrie and Brother Lonnie Turner officiating, with burial at Highland Cemetery, under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Family asks if memorials are made, please make them to Presbyterian

Church, P.O. Box 514 Ozark, Arkansas 72949

Serving as pallbearers will be Joe Ihle, Randall Bowden, Zac Carpenter, Billy Dotson, Adam Dotson, and Ethan Neissl

To leave an online memorial visit [www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Previous Events

## Open viewing-visitation

**MAY 12.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home  
2315 West Commercial Street  
PO Box 680  
Ozark, AR 72949  
(479) 667-4147  
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Graveside Service

**MAY 13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Highland Cemetery  
Highway 64 West  
Ozark, AR 72949

## Burial

MAY 13 (CT)

Highland Cemetery  
Highway 64 West  
Ozark, AR 72949

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Cynthia Williams lit a candle in memory of Harold Pickartz*



Cynthia Williams - July 24, 2024 at 08:24 AM

AC

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Pickartz. I wish I had known sooner. He was always teasing with me at the Presbyterian Church, even after I group up. He was a wonderful man, a good man. He will be missed. My condolences to the family. Ann Haberer Calaway*

ann calaway - May 22, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“ *Prayers and Comfort to the family and friends!!!!*



Buzy Bee Flowers And Gifts - May 16, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LR

“ *Laura Rudolph lit a candle in memory of Harold Pickartz*



Laura Rudolph - May 15, 2024 at 11:22 AM

CJ

“ Cathy Jordan lit a candle in memory of Harold Pickartz



Cathy Jordan - May 14, 2024 at 09:01 PM

RK

“ Pick has been a tremendous mentor to me and was instrumental in helping me become the man and mechanic that I am today. I will miss you much my friend. Thank you for teaching me about cars, life and family. Where do I go for good green beans now??????  
Your friend, Raymond Kiefer.

Raymond kiefer - May 12, 2024 at 04:09 PM

CA

“ You will be missed, Uncle Harold! Your proud military service and dedication to your Church and family will be long remembered and honored!

Chris Anderson - May 11, 2024 at 05:06 PM

RA

“ Cathy and family, I am sorry for your loss. I know he lived a good life. How blessed you are to have had such a man as your daddy.



Rose Mary Ayers



Rose Mary Ayers - May 11, 2024 at 01:10 PM

CE

“ I spent many days and a few nights at Cathy's house when we were kids. Mr. Harold was always funny and doing something with us kids! Later years, I always enjoyed going over to visit him with Cathy.

Mr Harold certainly led a good long and faithful life. I'm confident he's enjoying himself in heaven fishing and praising our God. I love this family and prayers for you all.

Candy Ervin

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**Candace Ervin** - May 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ Annie Coleen Mohr lit a candle in memory of Harold Pickartz



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**Annie Coleen Mohr** - May 11, 2024 at 12:31 AM