



# Penn Harvey Holsapple III

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**P**enn Harvey Holsapple, a proud father, husband, son, brother and devoted US Army Blackhawk pilot, died suddenly October 16th 2022 while playing his beloved sport soccer.

Penn is survived by his wife Jennyfer Holsapple; daughters Natalie Ann Holsapple, Shelby Elizabeth (Neal) Svenson, Avalon Goldie Ellysee; parents Penn Jr. and Ginny Holsapple; sister Gayle Elizabeth Holsapple; mother-in-law and father-in-law Linda and Sam Brown; mother-in-law Judy Huff; brother-in-law Kenneth Huff; Jason Brown; Jordan (Rachel) Huff; Evan (Megan) Huff; and cat Jazzpurr Harvey Holsapple. He is predeceased by his father-in-law: Ken Huff.

Penn was born in Miami, FL to Penn and Virginia Holsapple July 18, 1969. He was raised in his treasured Anchorage, Alaska along with his younger sister Gayle and moved to Orlando, Florida in 1987.

Penn graduated University of Central Florida and received his degree in Design Engineering. He played football for the UCF Knights as a Free Safety, proudly wearing number 35. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Upon graduation, Penn commissioned through ROTC into the United States Army as an Aviation Officer in 1992. During his 27-year career, Penn flew 1,144 combat hours, and totaled over 4,400 flight hours. His assignments included Schweinfurt and Bidingen West Germany; Fort Stewart, Georgia; Brooksville, Florida; and finally MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. Penn deployed six times during his career, to include three tours in Iraq, two to Bosnia, and one to Kosovo. He exhibited outstanding leadership, professionalism, initiative, and dedication, along with sincere concern for the welfare of Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. CW4 Holsapple exemplified what it means to be a "steward of the profession". Throughout his time, Penn was a friend, a brother, and a father figure to many soldiers who served with him. Penn received numerous awards throughout his career, to include The Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, Master Aviator Badge, and Parachutist Badge.



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Penn met Jennyfer in Orlando, FL in 2010 and made her his wife March 26, 2016. He settled his family in Palm Harbor, Florida. He proudly adopted Avalon in 2017, making a large family of all girls he doted over. Penn loved all of his girls and affectionately called them his Sparkles.

Penn was a devoted father, husband and avid athlete. He played multiple sports. If there was a ball and buddies, he was eager to play and lived for the team comradery. He could be found at most home Knights' football games or watching any and all levels of football. Penn loved traveling these great United States, hiking and biking with his wife and relaxing at Lake Willis. There was never a micro-brewery he could pass up and he enjoyed talking with the locals. His true heart was in connecting those he called friends. He was known for being wholly present when talking with you. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

Services will include a viewing at Moss Feaster Dunedin, Florida from 7pm-8pm on Thursday October 20, 2022. There will be a graveside funeral service at the Bushnell National Cemetery on Friday October 21, 2022 at 10:30 am.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made out to Natalie's College Fun AEIS FBO Natalie Holsapple and mailed to: 14311 Metropolis Ave. Ste. 205 Fort Myers, FL 33912



# Events

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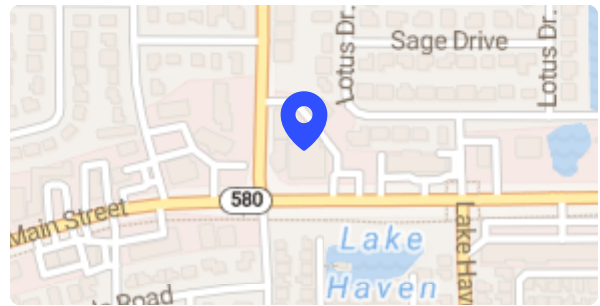
## Visitation

 **Thursday**, October 20, 2022

 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation - Dunedin**

1320 Main Street, Dunedin FL 34698



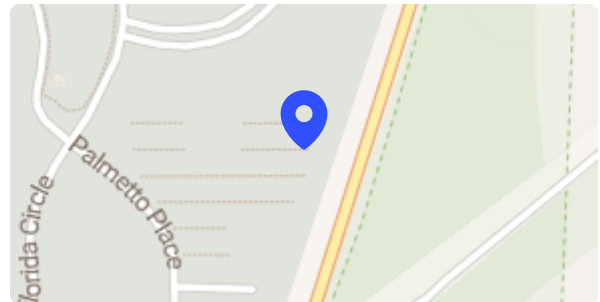
## Military Honors at Graveside

 **Friday**, October 21, 2022

 10:30 AM ET

 **Florida National Cemetery**

6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell FL 33513





## Tribute Wall

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**Christopher Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Penn.

I was with Penn at Ft. Stewart, GA. I remember him being very kind and down to earth. I played soccer with him after duty hours on several occasions. RIP sir.SGT Johnson (Greenville, SC)

January 16 at 7:38 PM



**Floyd Werner Jr** posted:

I remember 'rescuing' him and Perry Scatchetti from a mine field in Bosnia in the winter of 95/96. One exciting time. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all for this loss of a great American and friend. Floyd Werner, CW4, 1-1 Cav, 1AD, USA Retired

March 30 at 1:23 PM



**Sherry Kolb - Army Wife** posted:

Always a smile, always a laugh, always one of the good guys in the group. They say "the good die young." You will live on in our memories.

October 24 at 11:55 AM



**Joyce McCloskey** posted:

Although, I met Penn once years ago, I knew him most vicariously through George and Roxanne Holsapple, who always had wonderful reports of his life. What an exemplary person who fought for our country, and I am so grateful for his service. So saddened for his family and daughters. Prayers for him now to be comforted in the arms of Jesus. Love and God bless you all. Prayers for all the family and friends. Joyce McCloskey

October 23 at 11:35 AM



**Solomon Kang** posted:

I am shocked and saddened to hear of Penn's passing. I will always remember Penn for his uplifting and positive energy, shouting "outstanding!" when he got excited. He was a great man and leader who I am honored to have served with at AASF#2 in Brooksville, FL. Penn, you will be missed brother. You've run your race now rest easy Privateer!

October 21 at 10:45 AM



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**Nancy Jorgensen** posted:

What a great man. My sympathy to family and friends.

October 21 at 9:39 AM



**Melissa Pryor** posted:

I enjoyed when Penn would visit his parents in Greenville SC and we would all sit and talk on the back porch. He was always full of life!

October 21 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a "You Are Loved And In Our Prayers" Comfort Throw to the Holsapple family.



October 21 at 2:06 AM



**Bob & Joan Mckendrick** lit a candle in honor of Penn.

Bob Joan McKendrick lit a candle in memory of Penn Holsapple

October 20 at 4:37 PM



**Michelle Garcia** posted:

Our deepest condolences to the Holsapple family.Garcia/Hall family

October 20 at 1:42 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Holsapple family.



October 20 at 11:43 AM



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**From Mom And Sam Brown** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Holsapple family.



October 20 at 11:40 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Penn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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