



## Jon Mack Pinney

June 4, 1937 - January 18, 2022

Jon Mack Pinney, 84, of Bloomington, Ind., died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital following a heart attack.

He was born June 4, 1937, in Huntington, Ind., to Max F. and Evelyn A. Pinney. In 2020, he married his longtime partner, Jennifer Combs, at their cabin near Lake Monroe; she survives alongside their loyal Shih Tzu, Mitzi. Jon wore many hats in life, though he was better known to have a rolled bandana perched on his head. After graduating Huntington High School in 1955, Jon joined the Navy, where he toured the Mediterranean aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid and “saw the world on Uncle Sam’s dime.” He was employed broadly, with jobs ranging from International Harvester purchasing agent to microfilm technician; he also coached a champion youth boxing team in Fort Wayne, Ind. After moving to southern Indiana in 1980, he became known for his art, wood carvings that include totem poles, masks, and his handcrafted Brown County log cabin.

A collector and hobbyist, Jon never went long without a project. His red Corvette is the most recent evidence of his lifelong enthusiasm for cars, motorcycles, and boats. He was proud of his 52-year membership to Alcoholics Anonymous. He had a love and knack for animals and plants, serving three meals a day to the birds that flocked to his back porch and tending to the many dozens of flowers on his deck. Against this serene backdrop, he told the most engaging stories and entertained his wildest dreams.

Additional survivors include his first wife, Norma, and their children: son Scott (Sandy) Pinney of Huntington, Ind., and daughters Melissa (Dean) Shaffer of New Haven, Ind., and Stephanie (Jeff) Stephen of Angola, Ind.; a brother, Jim D. Pinney, of New Mexico; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three nephews and a niece; and countless friends from all walks of life. He was preceded in death by his parents and his second wife, Sharice. A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, January 28, 2022 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Visitation will be held from 1:30 p.m. to service time. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencare.com](http://www.allencare.com). Memorial donations may be made to Wheeler Mission or the Brown County Humane Society via the funeral home as well.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Jenny and Nikki & Joe, I just now saw Jon's obituary in the Brown County Democrat from about three weeks ago. I'm so sorry to read this, but glad I caught it before using the paper for the fireplace. I have lost track of you all, and would love to be in touch again. All my contact info is the same, and also for my brother, Nathan Lane (who also sends his condolences) - if you would reach back out to us. I'm so glad we had the opportunity to get to know him, and remember fondly the dinner we had with you guys in the cabin in Brown County. I'm glad you guys came out to hear my Celtic band, Celtica, at T.C. Steele, as well as other places. You're in my heart and thoughts/prayers.

~ Tammera Lane

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**Tammera Lane** - February 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM

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“ Jon, Seems like only yesterday that you were living in Huntington and attending school with us. You were "one of a kind" even back then. Liked our visits to your wonderful cabin in Brown County. You will be missed. Prayers for your family. John Trook, Carole Trook-Hacker and Carol Coles

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**Carole Hacker** - January 27, 2022 at 10:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jon Mack Pinney.



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January 27, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jon Mack Pinney.*



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January 26, 2022 at 11:22 PM



“ *Scott, Melissa, Stephanie and families, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. You have our sympathy and prayers. Jerome and Kathy Wetter*

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**Jerome and Kathy Wetter** - January 26, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Jon Mack Pinney.*



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January 26, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Fair Winds & Following Winds Shipmate. May Your Spirit live with us all! It is with gratitude I say Thank You for the contributions You made in My life.*  
*Lawton*

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**Lawton King** - January 26, 2022 at 12:48 PM

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“ I did not know Jon but had the opportunity to work with his son Scott for many years at Breyers Ice Cream Co. in Huntington,In. Scott spoke highly of his Father & I'm sure Jon was a good friend to have around. My peace be with you. Dan F.

Daniel F. - January 26, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jon Mack Pinney.



January 25, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jon Mack Pinney.



January 25, 2022 at 11:16 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Jon and us



Phil & Jackie Merk - January 25, 2022 at 10:48 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Jon and us*



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**Phil & Jackie Merk** - January 25, 2022 at 10:43 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Phil & Jackie Merk** - January 25, 2022 at 10:36 AM

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“ *Jon was truly one of a kind. We so enjoyed being with him, sharing stories and learning about his life experiences. He was an incredible raconteur. His love of life was infectious.*

*The totem pole he carved for us is beautiful and a testimonial to his talents. We loved Jon and will miss him. He will be carving something for St. Peter for the Golden Gates! Phil and Jackie Merk*

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**Phil & Jackie Merk** - January 25, 2022 at 10:33 AM