



## Alfonso Z. Penn Jr.

December 25, 2020

Alfonso Z. Penn Jr. was born Monday, February 16, 1953, in Harrisburg, PA, the eldest of four children of Alfonso Z. Penn and Alice Chambers Penn.

Alfonso received his formal education in the Harrisburg School System and was a proud graduate of the last class of the John Harris Pioneers, Class of 1971. He went on to serve in the United States Army and worked as a linesman for Pennsylvania Power & Light Company retiring as a supervisor after thirty-seven years of service.

Alfonso was an avid sports fanatic; he loved watching and cheering for his favorite teams, the Villanova Wildcats and Philadelphia Eagles. He was well known as an umpire for the North East Baseball League and other youth baseball leagues throughout his city.

On September 28, 1974, he married his beloved wife, Frances D. Brown. Their union brought about a son, Zeffy Alfonso Penn III; and a grandson, Zeffy Alfonso Hutchison-Penn IV. Together they would become a solid foundation for which an unwavering faith and the love of family were built. If you knew him, you knew there was nothing more important to him than family. He was a gentle giant with so much love to share. If there was a family gathering, he made sure you knew you were expected to be present, especially Christmas. His corny jokes and laughter would fill the room. What he began as another

way for the family to gather, bowling on New Year's Eve, became an annual family tradition that continued for fifteen years straight. He never missed a year; he was present even when he was no longer able to bowl.

On Friday, December 25, 2020, on the day of Birth of his Lord and Savior, on his favorite holiday, Christmas, he accepted his personal invitation to an eternal celebration and transitioned into eternal rest. He was predeceased by his parents, Alfonso Sr. and Alice Chambers Penn; and his father- and mother-in-law, Harold and Mary (Gonzales) Brown. He is survived by his loving, devoted wife, Frances D. (Brown) Penn; son, Zeffy A. Penn III; grandson, Zeffy A. Hutchison-Penn IV; brother, Nathaniel E. Penn; sisters, Lavetta D. Penn and Lori Ann (Penn) Simpson; brother- in-law, Harold Brown Jr.; sisters-in-law, Chloe Appleberry, Patricia Heyward (Elijah), and Carole Proctor (Lacotis); a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great- nephews, a great-great-niece, an uncle, an aunt, cousins, family and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

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# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road  
Anville, PA 17003

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

DEC **31**. 8:30 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace  
815 S. Second Street  
Steelton, PA 17113

## Viewing

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace  
815 S. Second Street  
Steelton, PA 17113

## Funeral Mass

DEC **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace  
815 S. Second Street  
Steelton, PA 17113



# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Alfonso Z. Penn Jr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - December 28, 2020 at 01:10 PM

GJ

“ Francis and family when I heard the news I was so sad my cousin Zeffe going home to be with the big family in the heavens just want you to know I'm with you guys I love you I know will see him again One thing I will hold onto my cousin gave me a beautiful smile when he saw me and it made me feel real good and we always had a couple of jokes who had the most money it was always obviously him I was always trying to catch up I will miss him 😞 yes I will Francis and my cousins will see him again he's looking down watching over us I'm sure he has the assignment Love you Guys keep Jesus close to your heart



G Nathan Penn jr - February 03, 2021 at 01:55 PM

LG

“ Our sincere condolences to the Al Penn Family. Gods peace and understanding is our wish for you. I Larry worked with Al when he started in the Lineman training at PPL. Al did well and I was honored to know and work with him.  
Larry and Anna Gerhard

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**Larry Gerhard** - January 03, 2021 at 10:03 AM

DS

“ My condolences to the family I'm just now seeing this. I have so much on my mind my nephew died a few weeks ago and I'm not feeling anything right now. You have my sincere sympathy love to all

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**Debra Segar** - January 01, 2021 at 10:36 PM

PH

“ Sister Fran, and family, we are praying for you and your family in this hour of mourning. God and time will heal your sorrow, words will not express the hurt of losing a loved one, but God has taken him to his heavenly home for his purpose now. Love to the family from your sister Carole and brother-in-law Lacottis Proctor.

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**Patricia L Heyward** - December 31, 2020 at 03:17 PM

PH

“ Patricia L Heyward lit a candle in memory of Alfonso Z. Penn Jr.



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**Patricia L Heyward** - December 31, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JJ

“ Dear Fran: our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. What a beautiful Mass. May the Lord continue to surround you with His presence in the coming days. All of our love, Jim&Karen, Heather Johnman

Jim johnman - December 31, 2020 at 12:01 PM

PH

My prayers and thoughts are with my sister Fran and the rest of the family in their hour of sorrow. God will carry you all through the loss of your loved one.  
Love Aunt Pat

Patricia L Heyward - December 31, 2020 at 12:09 PM

DW

“ D'Anne Weaver lit a candle in memory of Alfonso Z. Penn Jr.



d'Anne Weaver - December 31, 2020 at 11:21 AM

TF

“ Heartfelt condolences to Al's family and friends. I worked with Al and he had a very positive influence on me in many ways. One thing that I will always remember, in the "Mobile Work Force" days, I was working out of town and my wife was expecting a baby. For me to be close to home and be with my wife during the birth of my son, someone had to take my place. Al stepped up and did that for me. Praying for peace and comfort for you at this time of loss and sadness.



Thomas D. Feaser - December 31, 2020 at 10:38 AM

LH

“ Fran I was sorry to hear of your husbands passing.  
Condolences to you and your family. ❤️🙏

*Linda Henderson*

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**Linda Henderson** - December 31, 2020 at 09:05 AM

JD

“ Nate and Penn family,

*Prayers and condolences are with you. Zeffy  
and I grew up playing BASEBALL and he was  
a good friend to many.*

*Jerry Dudley & family*

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**Jerry Dudley** - December 30, 2020 at 09:53 AM



IP

“ Sorry I could not be with you at this difficult time. I have so many  
wonderful memories of the times that Ralph and I spent with Zeffy.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*May God Bless you!  
Love, Inez*

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**Inez Penn** - December 29, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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*My love , prayers and thoughts are with you, my son-in-law. You were a  
fabulous person, so well liked and a great father to your kids and a  
super husband to my daughter, Fran. Enjoy your resting place, say hi  
to mom and dad for me and continue with peaceful rest. Love you,  
Harold, Jr.*

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**Harold N. Brown, Jr. - father - in -law.** - December 29, 2020 at 10:08 PM

FW

“ *Frances Waters lit a candle in memory of Alfonso Z. Penn Jr.*



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**Frances Waters** - December 28, 2020 at 06:57 PM

HS

“ *Zeffy, My friend since 2nd grade  
My teammate on baseball championship teams starting in little league to teener ball. Graduates together 71 Pioneers. My deepest condolences to Mate and the family. Rest in Peace Pioneer. Hubie Simpson*

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**Hubert Simpson** - December 27, 2020 at 06:26 PM