

Children of John and Lillie Penix

Alvie David Penix

Alvie David Penix was the fourth child born to John and Lillie Penix. Alvie was born on August 22, 1919 in Bath County, Kentucky. Alvie received his schooling through eight grade in Bath County, Kentucky.

In 1934 Alvie worked on W.P.A. because his father John was crippled. Afterwards he



Alvie Penix in 1943.

went to live with his grandfather W.W. Penix and aunt Ruth. While living with his grandfather he worked on the farm, did gardening, milked three cows two times a day and delivered newspapers at night. The Lexington Leader and the Cincinnati Post were the two papers that he delivered which cost three cents each. He received a cut of about 10% for

Citation For Bronze Star Medal

To Private First Class Alvie D. Penix, 35457206, Company "C", 654th Tank Destroyed Battalion, for heroic service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in the vicinity of Straelen, Germany, on 2 March 1945. Private Penix, an assistant gunner, voluntarily accompanied the commander of his tank destroyer as he went to the aid of two seriously wounded soldiers in an area subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire, and covered the evacuation of the wounded men by placing heavy fire upon enemy positions. The commander was wounded as he prepared to reenter the tank destroyer, whereupon Pvt. Penix ceased firing, exposed himself to enemy fire and assisted the wounded commander into the tank destroyer. His heroic action in placing the welfare of wounded comrades above thought of personal safety reflects credit upon Pvt. Penix' character as a soldier. He entered military service from Olympia, Kentucky.

Citation for Alvie during WWII.

delivering the papers.

Later in 1936 Alvie signed up for the N.Y.A. that President Roosevelt started for young boys since he didn't weigh enough for the C.C.C. He went to Carrolton, Kentucky for training where he learned to operate a wood lathe, a metal lathe, a DeWalt radial arm saw and various hand tools.

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After this he went to Jamestown, Ohio and worked in a Ford garage. He was later drafted for World War II and served as a tank gunner on a M-36 tank destroyer with a 90 MM gun in Germany. He received the Bronze Star medal while serving in the vicinity of Straelen, Germany for heroic service with operations against the enemy. Alvie was in the Company C. 654th Tank Destroyer Battalion from June 3, 1942 to October 23, 1945 (A.S.N. 35457206). His pay was \$21.00 per month.

After leaving the service he started working at a 125 year old farm machinery factory by the name of B.F. Avery & Sons Co. He worked in the Production Machine Shop from November 6, 1945 to August 20, 1949. He was then made Instructor from to August 20, 1949 to August 10, 1951.

He was then made Section Foreman in the production machine shop until June 1, 1952.



Tractor made at B.F. Avery

He was then made Foreman in the Navy Shell Shop where they made five inch shells for the Navy. He then went to the Experimental Department until September 20, 1955. At this time he went to Park Aerial Surveys & Company, a map making company where he developed a fast aerial camera shutter with a speed of 1/2000 of a second. The original shutter was only 1/500 of a second. He continued working there until his retirement on August 17, 1984. However, he



Alvie Penix is shown working on the 6" camera lens with fast shutter

continues to repair cameras when they break down.

Alvie Married **Hazel West** on April 30, 1950 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Hazel was born on October 27, 1922 in Sulfer, Kentucky. She is the daughter of of Glenn West and Lillie Cullins West of Sulfer,

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Hazel West after their marriage

had one son Alvie David Jr. and adopted one girl Terry. Alvie and Hazel have hobbies of fishing, camping, swimming and hiking. Alvie also likes to turtle hunt.



Terry and Alvie Jr. Penix in early years



Hazel Penix recently

Children of Alvie and Hazel Penix are:

- ◊ **Alvie David Penix Jr.** was the only child born to Alvie and Hazel Penix. Alvie Jr. was born on August 29, 1957 in the Jewish Hospital in Louisville Kentucky. Alvie Jr. was married to **Sheron Hudson** on January 17, 1976 in Munfordville, Kentucky by the Justice of Peace. Alvie Jr. and Sharon have one child:

- **Joyce Marie Penix** born on July 4, 1976 in the Saint Joseph Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

Kentucky.

Alvie's first house was built on E. Indian Trail, Louisville, Kentucky where they still reside. Alvie and Hazel

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Sharon, Joyce Marie and Alvie Jr. Penix



Joyce Marie Penix with Grandpa
Alvie's boat

◇ **Terry Burris Penix** is the adopted daughter of Alvie and Hazel Penix. Terry was born on April 23, 1955 in the General Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Hazel's sister Ruth West who

died. Terry had to weigh five pounds before she could be sent home. She reached that weight in a couple of weeks and was adopted by Alvie and Hazel shortly after that time. Terry married **John Parson** on March 6, 1975 in the Catholic Church.

John works for the Ford Truck Plant in Louisville, Kentucky and Terry is a school teacher. Terry and John have two children:

- **Michael David Parson**



Michael David Parson

born April 4, 1977 in the Methodist Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

• **Shanon Marie Parson** who was born on March 21, 1986 in the Baptist Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Shannon Marie Parson