

Richard Bruce "Butch" Pitzer

April 15, 1945 – September 18, 2012

(From Pivont Funeral Home September 2012)

Richard Bruce "Butch" Pitzer, 67 of Nitro, West Virginia passed away peacefully at home on Monday September 18, 2012 after a battle with cancer.

Born April 15, 1945 in Hinton, he was the son of the late Gladys Pauline Honaker and Ernest Frank Pitzer.

Mr. Pitzer was reared in Hinton. He was a 1963 graduate of Hinton High School. After graduating he was immediately employed by Western Electric Company, now known as Lucent Technologies until his retirement in 2004. On weekends and evenings Richard also successfully operated several self-employment ventures including The Electronic Broker, The Little Italian Seafood Inn, and B&R Discount and Pawn. He served in the Army National Guard, 150th Armored Calvary from 1965-1971. He served 1 term as Charleston's Moose Club Junior Governor in 1971.

He was preceded in death by both parents, and a half brother, Harold Lee (Jinx) Greever. Harold gave his life for his country during his 4th tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Frances Bennett Pitzer. His daughter, Shelley Rae Hall of Charleston, WV and his son, Bruce Pitzer & wife Brandy of Bishop, WV. Also a niece and nephew in Germany, a nephew in California and a niece and two great nephews in Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday September 22, 2012 at Pivont Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton with Pastor David Mullins officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenbrier Burial Park in Hinton. Friends may call from 12:00 p.m. until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be; Randy Meador, Randy Bennett, J.C. Cales, Jason Adkins, Lee Metz, Jerry Redman, Dwight Sisson and Joe Jackson.

Honorary pallbearers will be; Pete Meadows, Chuck Petrey, Bobby Joe Petrey, Herb Blankenship, Wayne Caldwell, Okey Tucker, Junior Gill, Michael Bennett and Raymond Workman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hinton No Kill Shelter of the Summers County Humane Society, PO Box 236, Hinton, WV 25951.