



Charles E. Pettypool

November 6, 1921 - February 24, 2012

Charles E. Pettypool, 90, of Murphysboro, IL, and formerly of Decatur and Charleston, Illinois, passed away at 8:18 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2012, at his residence in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Charles was born on November 6, 1921, in Tuscola, Illinois, to Charles Ernest Pettypool and Grace Pearl (Cochrane) Pettypool.

He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Badoeng Strait CVE 116.

Charles was married to Margeret June (Davis) Pettypool for many years, and he later married Marjorie Wilson on May 15, 1982 and she preceded him in death on December 31, 2007.

Mr. Pettypool was a math professor at the Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, Illinois from 1957 to 1983. He loved to travel and read, and he was a former member of the Kiwanis Club. He published a children's book in March of 2000 under the pen name of A.R. Changels. He wrote the text and music and his wife Marjorie illustrated the book.

He is survived by one daughter Dr. Marjorie Diane Pettypool of Murphysboro; one step daughter Sandra Payne and her husband John Payne of Decatur;

one step granddaughter and two step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his siblings.

As per his request, his body has been cremated and a gravesite service will be held at a later date at the Hurricane Cemetery, south of Charleston, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Pettett Funeral Home in Murphysboro, Illinois, was in charge of the arrangements. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles E. Pettypool*

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Dr. Pettypool was my math teacher when I received my Master's at EIU. He once said, Sometimes the best prayer is simply saying 'Thank you to God.' When I have not known what to pray I have learned to say Thank you to God to my Heavenly Father, because of Dr. Pettypool's recommendation.

Pastor David Gilley.

David Gilley - September 06, 2025 at 09:00 AM