



James E. Pickett

July 31, 1939 - July 15, 2013

James E. Pickett, age 73 of Mt. Blanchard died at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Arlington on Mon July 15, 2013. He was born July 31, 1939 in Hancock county to the late Harlan H. & Sophia M. (Stralakos) Pickett.

Mr. Pickett married Janet E. Lee on Sept 6, 1959 and she survives. He is also survived by his 7 children Kimberly (Daniel) Dehnhoff of Findlay, James (Traci) Pickett of Lewis Center, David (Tammy) Pickett of Scottsdale, AZ, Jeff (Lori) Pickett of Wharton, Matthew (Brenda) Pickett of Forest, Angela (James) Dewese of Fremont, Jonathan (Jenny) Pickett of Lakewood, 17 grandchildren, a brother, Robert (Nancy) Pickett of New Albany, 3 sisters, Virginia (Marlin) Bishop of Mt. Blanchard, Mary (David) Hartman, Arlington, Patricia (Bill) Feister of Findlay. He was preceded in death by a sister Shirley Herder.

He retired in 1993 after 30 years teaching history for the Riverdale, Cridersville, Parkway, Upper Sandusky, and Liberty Benton school systems. Mr. Pickett coached basketball for the high school and middle school levels, and was an assistant at Bluffton College. He enjoyed traveling, fishing in Canada, gardening, being outdoors, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Fri July 19, 2013 at 10:00AM in the Wharton United Methodist Church with Pastor Joe Searfoss officiating. Interment will

follow in Wharton Richland Union Cemetery, Wharton. Visitation will be from 4-7PM Thurs July 18, 2013 at the CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home, and ½ hour before the funeral service at the church. Visit www.Shieldsfh.com to send a condolence, share a memory, or post a picture. Memorial donations may be made to Northwest Ohio Alzheimer Association or Good Samaritan Nursing Home in care of CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843.

Cemetery Details

Wharton Richland Union Cemetery*

Wharton, OH 43359

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Clark-Shields Funeral Home
301 S.Patterson St.
Forest, OH 45843
(419) 273-2631
bringmanclarkshields@gmail.com
<https://www.bringmanclark.com/>

Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wharton United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Jim was my assistant basketball coach at Bluffton College (University) 1986-1990. Besides being an excellent basketball coach, he was one of the nicest individuals that I ever met. When he applied for the coaching position, I knew immediately that I wanted him to help me coach. I thank God that I was blessed with having Jim as my friend. He was a very special person and I miss him. 🙏

Mike Barborak - December 14, 2023 at 09:12 AM

GB

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Pickett passing. I had him in Cridersville social studies. He was my favorite teacher. So kind and caring in all he did. All the kids just loved him. He enjoyed coaching junior basket ball also. I will always remember him coming in on a weekend to help me build the Warren Mounment and he always made me feel like a important student and young man. I'm sure he had no idea what a influence he would be on my work ethic and caring to other people needs as I grew up and went into the work force. I just looked at my school yearbook the other night and smiled looking at his picture remembering all the good times in his classes. My sincere condolences to his family.

GREGORY BENSON CRIDERSVILLE 3/31/2019

GREGORY BENSON - March 31, 2019 at 04:38 AM

LM

“ Had Mr. Pickett for history class in middle school. Great teacher and have always enjoyed history since. Condolences to his family

Laura McClurg-Bell - April 23, 2014 at 01:39 PM

JU

“ *Julia lit a candle in memory of James E. Pickett*



julia - July 26, 2013 at 11:33 AM

RM

“ *Coach P has been a person that made me a better person in my life. He taught me how competitiveness and the ability to get up when I fall down. I will always remember him and God bless his family !!!*

Russ Mentzer - July 22, 2013 at 08:06 AM

BP

“ *I first met Mr. Pickett in 1983. That was also the same year that my dad met him, during a parent-teacher conference. He told my dad that I was a happy-go-lucky girl that needed to focus more on her studies! I started dating his son Matt in 1988 and married into the Pickett family in 1992. Jim and I had a running joke about that parent teacher conference for 20 years! He was right, I am a happy go lucky girl.....happy and lucky to have married into this family and to have had the honor to have Jim as my father-in-law.*

Brenda Pickett

Brenda Pickett - July 21, 2013 at 07:29 AM

SF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time. May God richly bless you . Rejoice knowing that one day you will e together again. Blessings.*

Sandy Franks



sandy franks - July 20, 2013 at 07:40 PM

WC

“ *William & Tina Cook lit a candle in memory of James E. Pickett*



William & Tina Cook - July 19, 2013 at 07:54 AM

TA

“ *Mr. P will be missed as one of the great history teacher. He made learning fun and he made us all feel like we made a difference. He was, and will always be my favorite teacher. I will never forget when we played the teacher in volleyball and won. He let our row leave first, for our reward, for as he said beating the unbeatable. He was funny and kind and every one could fold a map in his class. Thanks Mr. P for touching so many lives in your own special way. You will be miss by many. A former student at Wharton Jr. High. Tamara L Bayes (McCloud)*

Tammy - July 18, 2013 at 03:02 PM



“ *i am very sorry for your loss jim will be missed deeply by me i half to work today or i would have been there for you love you all and god is with you julia caldwell*

Julia Caldwell - July 18, 2013 at 01:19 PM



“ *Some 55 years ago this week, my Dad took me along with 3 young men to my first Major League ballgame in Cleveland. The 3 men were Larry Loveridge, Monte Porter and Jim Pickett. We arrived early and during batting practice the fellows spread out a bit to enhance the chances to retrieve a foul ball. Jim succeeded in running down a ball hit by Bobby Avila and I was overwhelmed with joy when he returned to our seats and handed that ball to me. Wow! I suppose we remember certain events for good reasons. I knew then, that when I grew up, I too would give a foul ball to a kid, just as Jim had done. A special moment, on a special day, created by a special man.*

Patrick Opper (from Auburn, IN)

Patrick Opper - July 18, 2013 at 10:02 AM



“ *Kim, I am so very sorry for the loss of your father. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Heather Peters - July 18, 2013 at 07:27 AM



“ *Marie Dyer Hastings lit a candle in memory of James E. Pickett*



Marie Dyer Hastings - July 17, 2013 at 11:09 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to each of you. What an honor for you to call Mr "P" your family. I'm certain he holds a special part of each of your hearts...never let those memories fade away. His grand children have his memories (I'm sure of alot of teasing!) and the honor to say he was their grandpa.*

Fond Memories<3

Valerie (George) Nulton, Texas

Valerie Nulton - July 17, 2013 at 07:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James E. Pickett.*



July 17, 2013 at 02:21 PM

KP

“ So sorry to hear about Jim. Have fond memories of him and the family. Had many good times with all the family in Wharton. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless and be with you.

Mike and Karen Pittman

Karen Pittman - July 17, 2013 at 10:27 AM



CW

“ My thought and prayers go out to the Pickett Family. He was an outstanding history teacher, he will be deeply missed.

Christina Wilson-Fasig

Christina Wilson-Fasig - July 17, 2013 at 09:17 AM

NT

“ My sympathies to the Pickett family. Mr. Pickett was a great teacher. One of my favorites from Jr. High. He made learning fun. Nancy Morris Thomas

Nancy Thoams - July 17, 2013 at 07:17 AM



JB

“ I have been out of school nearly 40 years but have never forgotten what a wonderful teacher Mr. Pickett was. He had a great sense of humor (test question...when was the war of 1812?) and made learning fun. My thoughts are with you. May memories of happy times bring you comfort and peace. Jan Hallowell Byrd

jan byrd - July 17, 2013 at 07:08 AM

TE

“ Janet & all,
So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a great guy & I know
he had a hard few years. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!
Love, Tonya

Tonya Exline - July 16, 2013 at 09:31 PM

MK

“ My sympathy and prayers are sent to the entire Pickett Family. I
learned so much from Jim. I'm so glad he was my teacher and a
family friend. Prayers of peace to you all.
Marne Wolfe Keeler

Marne Keeler - July 16, 2013 at 08:54 PM

MD

“ So sad to hear of Mr. Pickett. A great teacher and coach who
always made class fun. Remember the days of learning how to fold
an Ohio map...as well as all of the jokes about the Blue Room and
of course getting " sent up the river to the big house"....

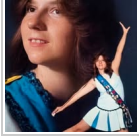
RIP Mr. Pickett

Matt Dodds - July 16, 2013 at 08:18 PM

JT

“ He touch so many lives and was s fabulous history teacher.
Thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Janice Haymond Thiel - July 16, 2013 at 06:49 PM



“ *This is so sad to hear about your loved on, Mr. James Pickett..he was my very first favorite teacher I ever had and I can remember the great teacher he was and how we used to have to take a ruler and measure the state of Ohio flag when doing that project in jr. High. He made school and history fun..never belittled you and always had humor to share. My children are friends with his grandchildren and for that, I am grateful. Thank you Mr. Pickett, you will be missed. Prayers to your family to go through this sad process in life. God bless.*

Scott and Joelle Penwell and family.

Joelle Penwell - July 16, 2013 at 06:38 PM

RM

“ *What a wonderful man who loved his family! You were blessed to have such a great role model! Mr. Pickett has arrived at the final BIG HOUSE! Thinking of you all.*

Rita McNutt

Rita McNutt - July 16, 2013 at 06:18 PM

KW

“ *Sad news of Mr. Pickett's passing, yet so many good memories of being in his class. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Pickett family. He will be missed.*

Kevin Welker - July 16, 2013 at 05:49 PM

KW

“ I taught with Jim at Wharton. He was so funny and so much fun. Big heart, too. He told my dad at my wedding that he should be very proud of me. Wow! That touched my heart big time! I had most of his kids.....loved them, too.

Kathy Thomas (Miss T) White

Kathy Thomas White - July 16, 2013 at 02:06 PM

TG


“ Dear Pickett familby. I would like to send my condolences to the family. I graduated with Matt and Brenda and Mr Pickett was my middle school history teacher. He was one of my favorite teachers and have many fond memories of him. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

Tonya Gobrecht-Avila - July 16, 2013 at 12:22 PM

DP

“ To the Pickett family -- We are sorry to hear about your loss. Know that he left a great legacy behind... each of you! Cherish the happy memories and share stories about him with each other. I have great memories of your father as a teacher and coach. There are many among us who now know how to fold Ohio maps thanks to your husband, father, grandpa. Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God's love continue to surround you during this time and in the days ahead. The Pever's
Doug, Luann, Kimberly, and Chad

Doug and Luann Pever - July 16, 2013 at 12:04 PM

 Holly Thacker

“ My Thoughts and Prayers go out to all of Mr. Pickett's Family during this time. I had him as a teacher in JR High, his "spud creek" stories were priceless, he will be missed!

Holly Thacker - July 16, 2013 at 08:49 AM