



## George Howard Pickett

October 4, 1940 - May 14, 2025

George Howard Pickett, 84, of Ashdown, Arkansas went to be with the Lord May 14, 2025 in Ashdown after a valiant battle with lung disease. He was born on October 4, 1940 in the Fomby Community of Ashdown. He was a 1958 graduate of Ashdown High School and a graduate of Texarkana College. After serving in the Army, he was employed in the defense industry for many years in quality assurance engineering. He was a charter and founding member of HillTop Bible Fellowship where he served on the building committee and was an active member of their men's fellowship for many years. His greatest loves were his relationship with his Lord, his high school sweetheart and wife of 47 years, his girls, grandkids, great-granddaughter and his family. He loved a good game of dominoes, was an avid reader of all genres especially history and religion and could talk your ear off about politics, He was an advocate for the underdog and had a soft spot for abandoned and orphaned children. He was a passionate Razorback fan, enjoyed watching horse racing and had a great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Dianne Simmons Pickett; father and mother, Thomas York Pickett and Leona Mae Roberson Pickett; his brother, Thomas McCoy Pickett and his sister, Gail Pickett Sewell and a special son, Jessie Ricks. He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and David Jordan of McKinney, Texas and Kendra and Kevin Griffin of Conway, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Ryan (Natalie) Jordan of McKinney,

Texas, Kathryn Jordan of Fort Worth, Texas, Aaron (Tymber) Griffin of Barling, Arkansas and Andrew (Hadleigh) Griffin of Little Rock, Arkansas; a great-granddaughter, Emberlyn Griffin; three sisters, Sarah Sue Ward (Kermit) of Ashdown, Mary Lou Moore of Whitehouse, Texas and Maxine Johnson (Gene) of Alvin, Texas; a sister-in-law Darlene Pickett of Waco, Texas; a special son, Sylvester Ricks of Arlington, Texas and many nieces, nephews and friends.

His family is grateful to the caregivers at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home especially Kayla, Charles, Crystal, Kristy and Carrie and the team with Dierksen Hospice - Laura, Amanda, Rufus and Kameka.

Pallbearers will be his sons-in-law, grandsons and brother-in-law, Kermit Ward. Honorary pallbearer, Gene Johnson

Visitation will be held at Madden Funeral Home on Saturday, May 17, at 4:00 pm with the service to begin at 4:30 pm. Graveside will follow at Ashdown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Renewal Ranch ([www.therenewalranch.org](http://www.therenewalranch.org)) or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Ashdown Cemetery

Peyton Avenue  
Ashdown, AR 71822

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown  
371 N 3rd Street  
PO Box 428  
Ashdown, AR 71822  
(870) 898-3331  
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 17. 4:30 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown  
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PO Box 428  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Howard Pickett*



Madden Funeral Home - May 17, 2025 at 01:31 PM

JZ

“ *John Mizzi & Middle Market Team, Zurich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Howard Pickett.*



John Mizzi & Middle Market Team, Zurich - May 19, 2025 at 06:54 PM

JZ

“ *John Mizzi & Middle Market Team, Zurich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Howard Pickett.*

John Mizzi & Middle Market Team, Zurich - May 19, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Howard Pickett.*



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May 16, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Howard Pickett.

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May 16, 2025 at 07:37 PM



“ *Mach, Orsi and Nobles families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of George Howard Pickett.*



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**Mach, Orsi and Nobles families** - May 16, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Howard Pickett.*



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May 16, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Howard Pickett.

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May 16, 2025 at 05:18 PM

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“ Kim, I’m so sorry to hear of George passing. I enjoyed our visits and hearing stories of our parents. He was special to my mom and later years became special to me. A truly great man the heavens gained.  
Stacy zachry

Stacy A Zachry - May 16, 2025 at 04:02 PM

DS

George was a very special person. I loved him and all of the Pickets. George was one of my mother’s first students (as were all of his sisters) and her one room schoolhouse at Fomby. I loved his father and mother and all of his family. What great moments we shared in that little school. We stayed connected for years through Facebook, and he was always so affirming and so kind. He will be missed by many.

David Smith - May 16, 2025 at 09:59 PM

JF

“ Johnson Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George Howard Pickett.



Johnson Families - May 16, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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Johnson Families - May 16, 2025 at 11:27 AM



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May 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM



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May 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ Bradley Dickinson lit a candle in memory of George Howard Pickett



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**Bradley Dickinson** - May 16, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ Kim, my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. I am sorry for your loss. May the fondest memories be ever present and the struggles be left behind.

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**Bradley Dickinson** - May 16, 2025 at 10:16 AM