



William Gary Pickett

December 7, 1951 - April 15, 2021

Visitation for William Gary Pickett, 69, of Tyler will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Pickett passed away Thursday, April 15, 2021 in Tyler. He was born December 7, 1951 in Jacksonville to William Vernon Pickett and Mildred Louise Pollard Pickett.

Gary was a graduate of Robert E Lee High School. He retired from Texas Parks and Wildlife Inland Fisheries Division after more than 30 years of service. In his spare time he mowed the yards around his neighborhood. Gary loved being able to help in any way that he could. He always put other people before his own needs.

Gary was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife of 46 years, Linda Louise Pickett. He is survived by his loving family including William Gary Pickett Jr. and wife Mary Pickett, Stephen Pickett and wife Crystal Pickett, along with his grandchildren, Trey Burton, Peyton Pickett, Caitlyn Pickett, and Alexa Pickett. Along with his lifelong childhood best friend Tommy Thompson.

Events

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Stewart Family Funeral Home

7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX, US, 75703

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 19 at 03:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Gary Pickett.



April 20 at 07:49 AM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 19 at 03:48 PM



“ Ryanpumphrey@ymail.com lit a candle in memory of William Gary Pickett



ryanpumphrey@ymail.com - April 19 at 03:12 PM



“ Lisa Griggs lit a candle in memory of William Gary Pickett



Lisa Griggs - April 19 at 02:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Gary Pickett.



April 19 at 02:24 PM



“ As a newcomer to TPWD it was my privilege to work with Gary on several projects in my first years. I loved being around his enthusiasm on the water. He and I both knew I was green but treated me as a student, not a noob. And while working on our projects with me, Gary gave us 100% all the time, both in his efforts to satisfy the project requirements and in his attempts to mentor me.

May you find peace in this time of reflection and grief.

Warren Schlechte - TPWD IF Heart of the Hills Fisheries Science Center

Warren Schlechte - April 19 at 01:31 PM



“ It's a very sad day. TPWD was very fortunate to have technicians like Gary and Wayne Griffing teach us young biologists the right way to do things when we came on board. Gary was so easy going and could always make you laugh, and when you were lucky enough to share time with both Gary and Linda you knew you were going to have fun! I will truly miss him

Fred Janssen - April 19 at 12:50 PM



“ My years with TPWD and the District 3-B Inland Fisheries crew would not have been complete without Gary Pickett. He was an incredible asset for our crew, but more than that, he was a friend to me and my family. He earned and kept my respect and trust. I never had a doubt that he would be willing to help someone in need. May God's presence and promise bring comfort and peace to all his family and friends!

Steve Poarch - April 19 at 12:49 PM



“ Mel Wacaser lit a candle in memory of William Gary Pickett



Mel Wacaser - April 19 at 12:47 PM



“ I had the privilege of having Gary as an awesome neighbor. He was very generous with himself and his time towards helping and checking on others. I will miss his smiles and waves while standing at his kitchen window. Prayers to the family. I was truly blessed to have known him.

Sharon Moore - April 19 at 08:41 AM



“ Gary was the gold standard for TPWD Inland Fisheries Technicians and an example we all wanted others to try and emulate. There was nothing he couldn't fabricate with excellence. His work ethic was second to none. He was an all-around great guy who I will never forget. My deepest condolences and prayers are offered to his family. -
Craig Bonds, TPWD Inland Fisheries Director

Craig Bonds - April 18 at 09:39 PM



“ Gary was a great friend and one of the brightest spots in my years with Texas Parks and Wildlife. He was an amazing craftsman with limitless talent and creativity. I miss him.

Mark Webb - April 18 at 12:47 PM



“ Gary and Linda both were some of my dearest friends. They helped us so much- redid my closets, made my boys lion beds, helped at the cabin and farm. However, the one that sticks out in my was while he, me and Steve Smith our boss was working together. We were on Lake Fork(before it opened) working in the shocking boat. Steve was driving and caught a light on some of the flooded timber. Next thing I knew I was sailing threw the air as Pickett yelled BEES!! The light gas caught a bee tree and I was allergic so Pickett grabbed me by the tshirt collar and top of my jeans and threw me out out of the boat i to the lake- he was behind me while Steve tried to turn off the boat and got stung! Loved the guy like family and will miss him so! Say hello to Linda for me G

Jody and Dooly Barlow - April 18 at 11:51 AM