



## Charles "Pic" Pickens

May 29, 1930 - July 11, 2023

Charles David Pickens Jr., "Pic" to all who knew and loved him, entered the arms of his blessed Savior on Tuesday evening, July 11th, 2023. A family and friends' internment will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, July 14th, 2023 at the Cathedral of the Pines Cemetery, along with a memorial service at Stewart Funeral home with Rev. Kevin Burdette officiating the 3:00pm service, followed by visitation in the Hospitality Suite.

Pic was born May 29th, 1930, in De Kalb, Tx. to Charles David Pickens Sr., and Luna Warren Pickens. He was their only child and he passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 93.

Pic was a graduate of Texas Tech University and upon graduation served in the U.S. Army for two years. After his service, Pic started a successful business career in the insurance field. He and his wife, Mary, worked together at Pickens Insurance Agency, for over 40 years side by side.

During Pic's life he participated in and began many worthwhile organizations. He was a Charter member of the South Tyler Rotary Club, member of the Strutters, Sharon Shrine Temple, various community HOA boards and named a 32nd degree Mason. Pic and Mary started the Tyler Area Senior Citizens Association(TASCA), in their home and watched that venture grow into a thriving organization in our community. In appreciation for his work in the

organization, Pic was honored to have a new city street named “Pickens Drive”, located just off Old Omen Road. He also played trumpet in the Tyler Big Band for many years and served as the bands Manager, long after he was no longer able to play with them. He was an active member of Green Acres Baptist Church and a member of the Friendship Connect Group for many years.

Pic was preceded in death by his parents, Charles David Pickens Sr, and Luna Warren Pickens and his wife of 71 years, Mary Pickens. He is survived by his two daughters, Patti Pickens-Peña and husband Juan-Paz Peña of Plano and Pam Barr and husband Don Barr of Tyler; and sister-in-law Fran Light.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their continued care of Pic, during his later years; Dr. Ben Wilson, Dr. Thomas Bochow, Dr. Douglas Lehman, Scott Mcelfresh and Enhabit Home Health and Hospice of East Texas. Pic was loved by many friends while a resident at The Hamptons, Bluebonnet Point Wellness and Reunion Plaza. These caregivers touched his life in beautiful ways as they cared for him not only in his daily health but gaining encouragement as he touched each life he encountered.

If desired, memorials can be made to the Green Acres Worship Ministry, 1607 Troup Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.gabc.org/give/](http://www.gabc.org/give/)) or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Dr., Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)).

# Previous Events

## Interment

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery  
7825 South Broadway Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75703

## Memorial Service

JUL 14. 3:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Visitation Following Service

JUL 14 (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Hospitality Room  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler  
Tyler, TX 75703  
[admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com](mailto:admin@stewartfamilyfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *one of the most honorable men i have ever had the pleasure to know. the world has lost one of a kind and heaven has gained an angel's angel.*

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**Gregg Cly** - July 26, 2023 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Patti, Pam and family. Both of your parents were lights in so many lives. I always remember them fondly. Take care of each other.*  
*Ann Buchanan*

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**Ann Buchanan** - July 17, 2023 at 10:03 AM

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“ *He made such an impact on all of our lives at the Hamptons. His postive outlook inspired all of us to see the good in every situation. I know he will live on through his two beautiful daughters. Love to all of you!!*

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**Sara Teichgraeber** - July 14, 2023 at 11:01 AM

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“ To my Dearest Sweet friends/Hamptons Family Patti, Juan, Pam, Don & family Your Sweet Dad will be missed by so so many . Mr. Pic certainly was the greatest encouraging sweetest positive man I have ever known and have had the pleasure of knowing ,smiling with, telling stories to Dad as how my work day had already gone by 8:30 am as at times I hand delivered his Tyler Paper , Mr. Pic was sending his morning texts to his sweet daughters !! He would chuckle, so joyfully. then at times he would tell me how strong I was and even gave me an Eagle Coin which I have cherished ever since . I will always keep a special place for all y'all in my heart forever knowing how you love me and continue to share dad with me . I love you all  
Love  
Sheri Eubanks

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**Sheri Eubanks** - July 13, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Pic" Pickens.



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July 13, 2023 at 10:57 AM

KP

“ Pic was one of a kind. A wonderful leader and mentor to young insurance people. I am blessed to have known Pic and Mary for 40+ years. Pam, I am praying for you and all who mourn this loss. But there is rejoicing in Heaven when Pic showed up to worship the One he loved and be reunited with his wonderful wife. God be with you all and thank God for this truly great man.

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**Kenny Pope** - July 13, 2023 at 01:40 AM



“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Charles "Pic" Pickens* ”



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**Kelley Uzzell** - July 12, 2023 at 07:15 PM