



## Mary S. Pickens

December 3, 1929 - February 25, 2020

A memorial service for Mary S. Pickens, 90, of Tyler, Texas will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel. Burial and graveside services were held in a private ceremony with family and close friends attending, prior to her life celebration. A visitation will be held following her memorial at Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mary was born Dec 3, 1929 and was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin Light and Leora Light; brother, Alvin Benton Light; and a sister, Opal Light. Mary is survived by her loving, devoted husband of 71 years, Charles (Pic) Pickens; two daughters, Patti Pena of Plano and husband Juan Pena, Pam Barr of Tyler and husband Don, and sister-in-law, Fran Light of Oxford, North Carolina. Mary had several nephews and one niece and numerous extended family members. Mary entered her Heavenly home on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, after passing peacefully, with her family by her side.

Mary was a Christian and a long-time member of Green Acres Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Friendship Bible Study class and the Highest Praise Choir. Mary served as Vice President of Pickens Insurance Center Inc. for 36 years, working alongside her husband in the business they started together. After retirement from the agency in 1992, Mary enjoyed ballroom dancing and supporting the Tyler Big Band. With her husband, Mary was instrumental in organizing and co-founding the Tyler Area Senior Citizens

Association, TASCA, and was a long-time supporter of The Tyler Civic Theater. She also loved and supported the Sharon Temple Shriners Hospital for Children.

The family wishes to thank Mary's precious TLC caregivers, Cindy Brown, Wanda Winfield, Tiffanie Hayes, Margie Fields, Kay Dumas, Annette Scott and Misty Scott. These lovely ladies brought her much joy and gracefully cared for her over the past year. Mary loved and appreciated everything they did to assist her and honored each of them as special members of the family.

The family would like to thank many wonderful organizations and individuals that aided in Mary's care and comfort throughout the past few years: The Hamptons at Pine Forest, Hospice of East Texas, Health South, and Encompass. Special thanks to Jennifer Rippey and her staff at UT Health East Texas, as they were always willing to assist the family in trying times. A heartfelt thank you to Harry May, a special friend and Physical Therapist who aided Mary many times over the years. She loved visiting with Harry during his at-home visits and Harry was more than just a physical therapist to the family. He was a friend and confidant when needed and was always present to offer a prayer when hearts needed lifting. Thank you to the GABC Renshaw class for their continued prayer support along with each family friend who offered a prayer, card, greeting or visit over the last few years. Each of them meant the world to Mary and this family.

Donations can be made to the Green Acres Baptist Church Worship Ministry, 1607 Troup Hwy., Tyler, TX 75701 or The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Interment**

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation and reception after service

MAR 6 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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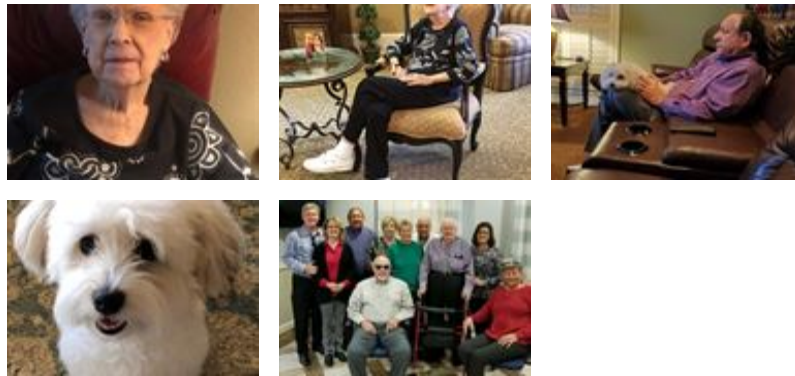
“ *Mr Pickens, Patti, and Pam, so sorry to hear of Mrs Pickens passing. I have many wonderful memories of living next door to you on Brentwood. I pray that your good memories will bring you peace during this time.*

*Love and prayers for you all,  
Susan Carey Robinson*

Susan Robinson - March 09, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - March 04, 2020 at 04:37 PM

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*Pam & Family,  
Thinking of you as look the these wonderful photos of you Mothers life celebration. Thought saw a few at the Brentwood home 🏠*

*Precious memories as you wait to see her again in her new heavenly home.*

*Love to all,  
Holley Howard*

Holley Howard - March 08, 2020 at 02:40 PM

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“ *Marie Dusek lit a candle in memory of Mary S. Pickens*



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**Marie Dusek** - March 01, 2020 at 02:09 PM

LJ

“ *So sorry to read about Mary. She was a lovely lady; as my late husband John called her such a "beautiful" person! Always enjoyed visiting with her at the dances as she came whether Pic was playing or not. And Pic you know we always enjoyed your playing all those years. Prayers for the family. Lynne Justice*

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**LYNNE JUSTICE** - February 28, 2020 at 05:44 PM