



Shirley Ruth Pickett

April 27, 1931 - April 5, 2018

Shirley Pickett, 86, of Tyler passed away on April 5, 2018 following a lengthy illness and life well-lived. Mrs. Pickett was born on April 27, 1931 in Tatum, Texas to Clarence and Bonnie Williamson. She graduated as valedictorian from Tatum High School in 1949. She moved to Tyler, studied business administration at the Federal Institute and soon met her husband, Arvil Pickett. After their wedding in 1954 and a brief time in California, they returned to Tyler. She began working at the Cotton Belt/Union Pacific Railroad - the tall brunette in the legal department - where she later retired after 30 years.

Mrs. Pickett loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church where she and her husband served for over 60 years. She served as a children's teacher, Sunday School Director and volunteered her time and talents to the church in numerous ways.

Shirley enjoyed time with her family at home, the farm and the lake. She was a country girl at heart who loved spending time outdoors daily. Shirley's red geraniums brightened her patio as well as the neighborhood every year. Her other favorite activities included walking, gardening, traveling, cross-stitching and cooking. She was the heart of her family and a faithful friend – giving countless hours through the years to support her husband, children and grandson. Shirley was especially fond of her grandson Spencer, and with great enjoyment she played a very important role in his life.

She is survived by her children, Steve Pickett and wife Elaine of Tyler, Karen Pickett of Dallas; grandson Spencer Picker of Dallas; sisters, Bet Hebbler and

husband Howard of Austin, and Melba Goff of Texarkana.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Arvil Pickett and her parents.

A celebration of Shirley's life will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 2:00 at the Stewart Family Funeral Home with visitation following the service.

Shirley's family would like to express a very special thanks to everyone at the Hampton's Memory Care at Pine Forest for their care and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation and reception after service

APR 7 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Shirley Ruth Pickett



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 07, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Shirley Ruth Pickett



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 07, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Shirley Ruth Pickett



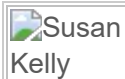
Loretta martinez - April 16, 2018 at 09:49 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 07, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ Steve and Karen, your mom was very special to our family. I am so thankful for the friendship she gave my mom and the investment she made in my life. One of my favorite memories is that she made 200 rice bags for my wedding and cross stitched a purple “K” on each one. Such a labor of love that makes me still feel special today. ~Susan Hurst Kelly

Susan Kelly - April 05, 2018 at 09:35 PM

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“ Steve and Karen , Thinking of your family , you will always be in my thoughts and prayers I have sincerely enjoyed y'all as family while your mother resided at The Hamptons.... Was remembering the times Steve had taken mom to Bud's garage for lunch...I loved to be able to see the joy on both Shirley and Steve's faces as they returned back to the Hamptons and I had just came on duty at the desk. Always loved seeing Karen, she brought Shirley by the desk as they headed out the front doors to enjoy the sunshine together. Gonna miss y'all dearly.
Love Sheri.

sheri - April 05, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Ruth Pickett.*



April 05, 2018 at 04:58 PM