



William David Pickard

October 5, 1944 - December 23, 2020

William David Pickard joyously entered the gates of his Heavenly Father on December 23, 2020.

David was born on October 5, 1944 in Rossville, Georgia to J.L. and Lucille Shaver Pickard. He was a graduate of the Rossville High School class of 1962 in Rossville, Georgia. David met the love of his life, Dorothy (Dottie) Carpenter Pickard and married in the fall of 1963. David spent his life spreading the good news of Jesus to all he met as he worked as a Southern Baptist Pastor for his entire time in this world. After retirement, he expanded his passion for international missions and obeyed his Father's commands to spread the love of Jesus to the ends of the earth. He was a devoted husband of 57 years, a loving and supportive father and grandfather and a close friend and minister to countless others.

David was always happy and continuously had a smile on his face. The source of his happiness came from the Lord, his God, and he often sang to his children "Happiness is the Lord".

"Happiness is to be forgiven,
Living a life that's worth a livin'
Taking a trip that leads to Heaven,
Happiness is the Lord"

In addition to his wife, Dottie, David is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, a great-grandchild and another on the way, as well as three

siblings. He is preceded in death by his parents as well as by a son, William David Pickard, Jr.

A small, private family graveside service will be held December 30, 2020 at the Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park Cemetery in Walker County, Georgia, with a larger celebration of his life to be held at a later date. Anyone wishing to honor David's memory can donate to the Northwest Georgia Baptist Association designated for international missions. The address is 63 Pin Oak Drive, Rock Spring, GA 30739.

Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Cemetery Details

Tennessee/Georgia Memorial Park

724 Hogan Rd.
Rossville, GA 30741
(706) 866-5533

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **30** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“*Brother David married Dave and me on August 4, 1984. We knew him for many years as pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church and later at Victory in Jesus Church. My parents loved him so much. He has been a good friend all through the years. Loved God with a completely undivided heart. Loved his family. Took his call as teacher of the Word of God very seriously. Yet, always with joy. His face had this meltiness to it. Always yielding to a sweet, understanding, yet resolute heart. Another wonderful benefit of knowing Brother David is that when you get David, you get Dottie, his beautiful wife and partner in ministry. This world is a lesser place with Dave gone to be with his beloved Savior. Praying for you, Dottie, and the family.*

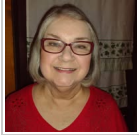


Debbie Mills - January 03, 2021 at 09:33 PM

PH

“*David has just always been there for all of us. Preached all the funerals in our family and has always been a support for us. I remember when I spoke at my dads funeral David stood beside me with his hand on my back for support. It is so hard to imagine family get togethers without him. Rest In Peace David. I love you. Prayers for you Dottie and the family. Love you all.*

Patsy Holsonback - December 29, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Brother David was my paster at Lake Howard Baptist church.he was always smiling and knew the word of God. One study in particular that he did was on the gifts of the Spirit, it really touched my heart. I will never forget him and sister Dottie. In precious memories.Emma Baker*

Emma Baker - December 29, 2020 at 04:38 PM

NP

“ *Dottie, I don't think I ever met David but I know he loved you and that speaks volumes.
May God in all His grace give you strength to face each new day knowing that one day you two will be reunited with each other and our Lord and Savior.
You and the family are in my prayers.*

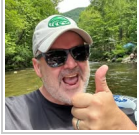
nancy potts - December 28, 2020 at 03:54 PM

SG

“ *Thank you for always being our friend at Gilbert Elementary when we had the Lookout's Ballgame night for Gilbert family's. Thank you for love and faithfulness for Christ Jesus as your testimony! May God bless the family as my prayer!*



Sherry Gilreath - December 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cary Clayborn - December 28, 2020 at 10:24 AM

LB

So sorry to learn David's passing. Learned to love David and Dottie while they were at Cassandra. He and I would sing together and he always had a smile. Heaven's choir gained a wonderful addition. Lynda Burns

Lynda Burns - December 28, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ *One of my greatest joys in moving to Chattanooga about ten years ago was meeting and finding a wonderful friendship with David and Dottie. So many sweet, fun, memorable times and adventures together. Blessed by a deep bond with my brother and sister in the Lord. We celebrate David. How, with joy, he answered the calls he received to faithfully serve His Lord. We rejoice in his presence with the Lord in his Heavenly Home (and we know there will be a reunion one day!). But his presence here will be very much missed. Much love and prayers to my dear buddy Dottie, to your children and their families, to Elizabeth and Tony, to Lee and Theresa, to brother Tommy (who I never met). May the God of all Comfort "quiet your hearts with His love." Beth Riley*

Beth Riley - December 28, 2020 at 09:51 AM

HR

“ Dave was our pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist church in Camilla Ga in the mid seventy's, we played many a game of softball and basketball together, he was very competitive. Always told him I wanted him to do my funeral at my death, will have to do it from heaven now.
Henry J. Rackley Camilla Ga.

henry rackley - December 28, 2020 at 09:48 AM

DT

“ I did not know David long, just a couple of years while he taught my Sunday School Class at Buford First Baptist. I always enjoyed his lessons and his wonderful spirit. It was hard to be down in spirit when he was around. I asked him one day how he could always smile and show so much concern for people. He said because God loved him. He will be missed. Sending prayers for the family.

Darlene Tarleton - December 28, 2020 at 08:47 AM

SC

“ David was a very special person in so many ways. No matter where you saw him he was always "just David". I will be forever grateful to him for doing my Mom's funeral. It was so special because you could tell he knew her and loved her. He will truly be missed but we can rest assured that he is smiling that sweet smile in heaven now. Rest in peace my friend.

Sandra J Coulter - December 28, 2020 at 08:38 AM

JS

“ David possessed many God-given qualities. To name a few are caring, compassion and transparency. He was a very caring and compassionate person, demonstrating this in both his speech and actions. David was quite transparent, and we admired that so much in him. The Lord used David through this transparency. He will be forever in our hearts, always our inspiration. Our prayers are with Dottie and the family.

Jack, Presta and John Segers

Jack, Presta and John Segers - December 28, 2020 at 08:05 AM

DC

“ Bro. David was a pastor of mine at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church and Victory Baptist Church in Duluth, Ga. He always had a beautiful smile and an encouraging word to anyone whom he met. He counseled Phillip and I when we wed. He married us in 1980. We spoke of Bro. David often and his love for Christ. He will be greatly missed.

Love and prayers for the family.

I know he is walking the streets of gold with all the Angel's and our Lord Jesus.

Denise Cheek

Denise Cheek - December 28, 2020 at 01:01 AM

BB

“ Prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Billie Beddingfield - December 27, 2020 at 11:06 PM

TH

“ When I was 18 years old, Brother David came to my house and lead me to Christ. He and Dottie helped me grow in Christ as a young man and loved me as their own. He married Alison and I in 1988 and continued to give us spiritual counseling as a young married couple. We raised our young family at Victory in Jesus, a church that brother David and many other wise and loving people started. I continued to grow in my relationship in the Lord and eventually became a Deacon at Victory in Jesus. I say this because of the unconditional love Brother David had for me and all he met exhibited Christ love for us. Thank you Brother David and Dottie for shining God's light and being selfless and pouring yourself into others.

Tommy and Alison Hampton - December 27, 2020 at 10:51 PM

TT

“ I have ways thought very highly of David and Dottie. David will be missed. He is with in Heaven with my family now. Many thought and prayers for you.

Tammy Hartman Thompson - December 27, 2020 at 10:17 PM

SG

“ My thoughts and prayers be with the family during this difficult time.

Shirley Guenther - December 27, 2020 at 09:59 PM

LM

“ Bro. David was the beloved pastor of our mother-in-law, Jonell Malone, during the final years of her life. He was a source of comfort and guidance to her and she dearly loved him and Dottie. To us, Larry and Nancy, he was a friend and fellow servant to those who had not heard of the beautiful name of Jesus. We rejoice that he is now with his Savior whom he knew so well, but grieve with Dottie and family. May God’s Spirit comfort you and be your Source of joy.
Larry and Nancy Malone

Larry and Nancy Malone - December 27, 2020 at 04:55 PM

BS

“ Deepest sympathy and love to all the family. I was blessed to have been able to have called to say he was My Friend. David was a great friend from school until today. Love to Dottie and all the family 🙏 now and in the coming days ahead.



"Go Rest High On That Mountain". It Is Well With My Soul!!!!

Bertie Arnold Spradlin - December 27, 2020 at 02:08 PM