



Gilbert DeRieux Pickel

May 12, 1927 - April 5, 2018

Gilbert DeRieux Pickel age 90 of Kingston passed away Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Harriman Care and Rehab, where he had been a patient since October 24, 2017. He was born in the family home on Pickel Farm Road on May 12, 1927. He was the youngest child and only son born to the union of James Gilbert Pickel and Eva DeRieux Pickel. Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents and his paternal grandparents James Ebenezer and Catherine Stowe Pickel all of Kingston. Also, his maternal grandparents Frederick Peter DeRieux and wife Mollie Sexton DeRieux of Lenoir City, Tennessee. Also preceding him was his daughter Mary Jo "Jodie" Pickel. Gilbert's sisters Eva Jeanette P. Inman and her husband Charles W. Inman of Ten Mile, Tennessee, Margaret P. Hood and husband Ray E. Hood of Knoxville and Louise Pickel of Kingston. Gilbert's nephews David R. Hood of Knoxville and Alan E. Hood of Snellville, Georgia. Gilbert's former wife and the mother of his children Roberta Hedgecock Pickel Payne also preceded him. Gilbert was a proud veteran of the United States Navy. Serving during World War II. After the war was over he began his career in sales with the Browder Farm Stores in Harriman and Lenoir City. In 1952 he began working for Union Carbide at the K-33 building as maintenance foreman. Gilbert wanted to work for himself and chose to leave Oak Ridge in 1955 to open Pickel Shell Service Center and Wrecker Service on Race Street in Kingston. In 1960 he purchased an interest in Peggy Ann Truck Stop in Rockwood and later added Peggy Ann Repair and Wrecker Service. In 1966 he left to begin oversight of the

construction of the Holiday Inn in Harriman. He became the Inn Keeper there until 1972 when he formed a partnership with master home builder George Standridge of Kingston. G and G Builders was their company along with Pickel Realty in Harriman. Pickel Realty company evolved into the present day Pickel Partner's on George Standridge retirement and Gilberts partnership with his son Jim. Now his grandson Rob Pickel is in the company. Gilbert was very proud of the 160 homes the company built along with 2 motels, apartments and the mini warehouse business. He happily retired at age 75 to travel with "Mama" in their R. V. across country. Gilbert was also a hard worker for his beloved Roane County. He was a founding member and director in the Home Builders Association of Roane County. He was a member of the Roane-Anderson Economic Council, a board member of the Hamilton Bank of Roane County, Bank of Roane County, Union Planters Bank and retired from Regions Bank board after over twenty years' service. Gilbert always believed in the community banking system to keep money local for use by the local citizens. Gilbert was past president of the Walden's Ridge Antique Car Club and treasured the friendships he made and the trips in their old cars. He was a 32nd degree mason with over 50 years' service to Union Lodge #38 in Kingston. He was a lifetime member of Kerbela Shrine Temple in Knoxville with over 50 years' service to the Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children. Having Paper Sales, candy sales and various fund raisers all for the children. He was Capt. of the Roane Shrine Motor Patrol (Harley's) and Capt. of the Roane Shrine Dune Buggy Club. Gilbert had witnessed near miracles for children in Roane and surrounding counties who needed the hospital services at never any cost to their families. He was always so proud to be a Mason and a Shriner.

Gilbert is survived by his devoted wife Linda Bryant Pickel (1970), his loving son James William Pickel (Jim) and his daughter-in-law Marcia Wyatt Pickel whom he loved as a daughter. His grandson Robert Wyatt Pickel whom he adored and Rob's precious wife Maria Martinez Pickel. Their children

Alexander Wyatt Pickel (11) and Katherine Isabel Pickel (9) who were loved beyond words all of Kingston. Gilberts granddaughter Mary Lynn Pickel Huett was so precious to him. Her husband Jeff Huett was a delight to Gilbert as was their son James Parker Huett (6) of Johns Creek, Georgia. He is also survived by his good friend and side-kick Mike Foust of Rockwood. Gilberts nephews Charles William (Bill) Inman and his wife Debra Elder Inman and Samuel Gilbert Inman and wife Naomi (Sissy) Galyon Inman all of Ten Mile, TN. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff of Harriman Care and Rehab for their support and especially Dr. Mancel Wakham. Everyone was so kind to our precious Gilbert.

The family will receive friends Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The funeral is at 3:00pm with Rev. Jake Fisher presiding. Gilbert chose cremation and his ashes will be interred following the service in the Garden of Everlasting Life at Roane Memorial Gardens in Rockwood. Author Isabel Norton wrote – “Those we hold dear never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives.” In lieu of flowers memorials maybe made to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children 315 Mimosa Ave. Knoxville, TN. 37920 Att. Memorial Gilbert D. Pickel. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Roane Memorial Gardens

1400 N Gateway Ave
Rockwood, TN 37854

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gilbert DeRieux Pickel*



Kyker Funeral Home - April 12, 2018 at 02:20 PM



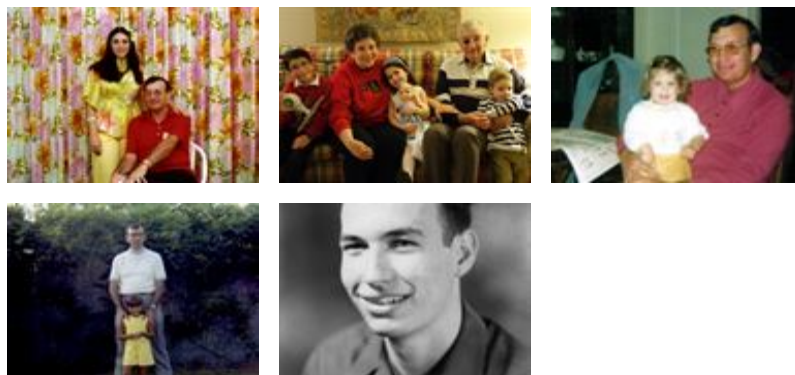
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Kyker Funeral Home - April 15, 2018 at 11:17 AM



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Kyker Funeral Home - April 12, 2018 at 01:08 PM

CG

“ Jim, I am very sorry to hear of the death of your father. He lived a full and wonderful that touched so many people. Prayers of love and comfort to you, Marcia and your family as you go through the days and weeks ahead.

Love to all,

Norven and Cleo Duff Goddard

Cleo Duff Goddard - April 12, 2018 at 06:53 AM

HC

“ Linda, Jim, Marcia and family: I was saddened to hear of the passing of Gilbert, but rejoice in the wonderful life he lived and the outstanding man he was. He, as did each of you, play a significant role in my life while a realtor in Roane County. He was a role model that I looked up to and his many kindnesses to me were so much appreciated. Gayle and I wish to express our condolences to your wonderful family. We'll never forget Gilbert.

Hank Cooper

Hank Cooper - April 11, 2018 at 06:52 AM

KT

“ Jim, sorry to hear about your dad. I don't remember him well but that smile sure looks familiar. I'm sure mom and dad knew him well. Please accept my condolences.

Karen Timmerman

Karen Timmerman - April 10, 2018 at 08:18 PM

JJ

“ I remember the first time I met Gilbert & Roberta at their lovely home in Rockwood--it was the first time I had ever seen a round bed. From that day forward, Gilbert was always kind to me. I also remember the wonderful times at the Peggy Ann Truck Stop in Rockwood. I count it a tremendous pleasure to have been a close friend of Gilbert's son, Jim, all the way to graduation from RCHS in 1963. How lucky Jim was to have his father with him till he was 90. Jackie & I are so sorry we cannot be at his reception as we will be out of town. We send you, Marcia and Linda our deepest sympathy.

Jackquelyn Jacoby - April 10, 2018 at 07:30 PM

AM

“ Sorry to hear about your dad. He lived long and prosperous life. I was a classmate Of Jim's and Marcia. It is difficult to lose a parent.
Ann McCormick McGee



Ann McCormick McGee - April 10, 2018 at 05:42 PM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during your time of loss. *Jan Jennings Stone*



Jan Jennings Stone - April 10, 2018 at 04:38 PM

JR

“ *Jim and Mary Reeves purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gilbert DeRieux Pickel.*



Jim and Mary Reeves - April 10, 2018 at 11:15 AM

JB

“ *Linda, I enjoyed meeting you at HCAR and talking with you each day. You were faithful to come every day and help care for your husband. May the memories of your life together give you comfort in the days ahead. I know my Dad was happy to meet in him heaven where there is no more pain or suffering. God is always good.*

Romans 8:18

Juanita Bowman (Pap's daughter)

Juanita Bowman - April 09, 2018 at 06:05 PM