Joseph M. Pickens

February 21, 1935 - September 9, 2018

Retired Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Morris Pickens, a veteran of Korea and Vietnam, joined his parents, Rob and Selma Pickens on September 9, 2018. He was also preceded in death by daughter, Wanda Geddes; sons, Phillip Norton, Jimmy Pickens; 4 brothers and one sister. Joseph is survived by his wife, Mildred Pickens; sister, Eugenia Shaw of Conyers, GA; sisters-in-law, Mary Pickens of Decatur, GA, Lillian Pickens, of Temple, GA; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Larry Kopplin of Fayetteville, NC, Ann and Jeff McGee of Greensboro, NC, Bonnie Martin of Newborn, GA, Alan Geddes of Fayetteville, NC; sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Shelba Norton of Conyers, GA, Robert and Tracy Norton of Monticello, GA, David Norton of Newborn, GA, Sam Norton of Conyers, GA, Tim and Jill Kaylor of Covington, GA; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel with Rev. Michael Mashburn officiating; interment will follow at Dawn Memorial Park. Family will receive friends Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 5 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of great-grandson, Graham Norton in Memory of Joseph Pickens to Parentprojectmd.org or cureduchenne.org. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Rd., Conyers, GA, 770-483-7216.

Cemetery Details

Dawn Memorial Park

4685 Glenwood Road
Decatur, GA 30035

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **12**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Scot Ward Funeral Services at Green Meadow Memorial Gardens
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Service

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Scot Ward's Green Meadow Chapel
699 American Legion Road
Conyers, GA 30012

Tribute Wall

LG

Lynn & Juanita Gregory purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Joseph M. Pickens.

Lynn & Juanita Gregory - September 12, 2018 at 03:37 PM

RH

Will never forget you my friend. We worked hard at times at the lake and we laughed and played hard. Rest peaceful my friend. Thanks again. Rob...

Rob Hampton. - September 11, 2018 at 06:42 PM

JS

James & Debbie Strickland lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Pickens

James & Debbie Strickland - September 11, 2018 at 05:50 PM

DB

David And Deborah Barnett lit a candle in memory of Joseph M. Pickens

David and Deborah Barnett - September 11, 2018 at 10:49 AM

You were there for the birth of all 3 of my children front row and center waiting to be one of the first people to hold them or hear them or see their new little faces. You were there for me when I walked down the aisle to graduate and when I walked down the aisle to be married, you even cooked for and fed those entire shindigs too because you were just so amazing to me always. You were there for me when both of our hearts were broken when I lost my incredible mother and you lost your incredible daughter. You have always been there for me and for my children in every way that you could and whenever I needed you. When I was just a little girl I believed you truly were secretly Santa Claus (beard, belly, laugh and all). Your ability to love me and beam with pride at my every accomplishment in this life and even when I didn't believe in myself is what helped to make me who I am and who I want to be. I simply love the way you loved me so unconditionally. I've appreciated and admired my whole life the way you've loved my sweet and wonderful Nanny. I'm going to miss you so much, you are so very special to me. I'm already missing you. I love you Grandpa.

Cheri Geddes - September 10, 2018 at 11:23 PM