



Deacon James "Jim" Pickens

April 4, 1944 - March 24, 2022

PICKENS, Deacon James "Jim"— age 77, passed away, Thursday, March 24, 2022 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Oakland. Family hour 10:30AM Friday, April 1, 2022 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 512 Pearsall Ave., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Pastor Terrance J. Gowdy, Officiating. Entombment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 North Perry Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Friday. Deacon Pickens will lie in state at the Church and may be viewed from Noon – 6:00 PM Thursday.

Deacon Pickens leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Lynell Pickens; children, James L. (Roshell) Pickens, Jr., Teril L. Pickens, (Vashawn) Phillip A. Byrd (Stephanie) and Jacquelyn Foster; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Mary Lawson, Gertrude Lindsay, Diana Chatmon and Arthur Pickens; sister-in-law, Elcine Long and other relatives and friends.

Deacon Pickens was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Pickens and brother, Robert Pickens.

Previous Events

Family Hour

APR 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
512 Pearsall Ave.
Pontiac, MI

Funeral Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
512 Pearsall Ave.
Pontiac, MI

Visitation

APR 28. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
512 Pearsall Ave.
Pontiac, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Laurita Washington lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens



Laurita Washington - April 30, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ Veola Wright lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens



Veola Wright - April 01, 2022 at 12:36 AM



“ Shirley Chappell-Mingo sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens



Shirley Chappell-Mingo - March 31, 2022 at 10:30 PM



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Shirley Chappell-Mingo - March 31, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ Oh my God..I am so sorry to hear about Deacon Pickens transition. My mother loved his singing. He was so gracious. Lynell you, your family and friend are in my prayers. I am out of town now. He and William are probably starting a devotion In heaven and Mom is cheering them on. RIP Deacon Pickens you will be missed.

Jean Kennedy - March 31, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Lynell and Family:*
We were so very saddened to learn of the passing of Deacon Pickens. He was an wonderful deacon; a great member of our Macedonia Church Family, an amazing friend and neighbor. His laugh was one that we will always remember and the many great conversations over the years that we all shared are etched in our minds and hearts forever. Lynell, you and your entire family have our sincerest and heartfelt condolences. You all are in our prayers and we pray that God will keep you in His care during your hour of bereavement.

Deacon may be gone, but never ever will he be forgotten. We thank God for blessing us with him and with you. His friendship will live on in our hearts. He will truly be missed. Sending love and hugs to you all.

Mother Willie M. McCoy-Johnson, Alicia C. Woodfork-Wilkerson, Sam Anderson, Jr. and Brian K. McCoy

Alicia Woodfork-Wilkerson - March 31, 2022 at 11:38 AM

MP

“ *Lynell Pickens, Condolences to you and the family, so sorry for your loss, I'm with you in thought's and Prayer. Rest in Heaven Deacon!* 💕💕



Mattie Petty - March 31, 2022 at 12:13 AM

MP

“YOU ARE TRULY A SOLDIER”

Mattie Petty - March 31, 2022 at 12:15 AM

BC

“ *With our deepest sympathies
-the Cottingham family*



Betty Cottingham - March 30, 2022 at 08:50 PM

NF

“ *Prayers and Condolences To Sis Pickens and Family....Dea. Pickens will truly be Missed* 🙏🙏!
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Norma Ford-Moyè - March 30, 2022 at 07:01 PM

PS

“ *Condolence to Lynell, and Family for the Loss of your love one (Deacon James Pickens) He may be gone but not forgotten. Praying for healing. Paul & Arline Simmons. Arizona*



Paul & Arline Simmons - March 30, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Delores Watkins lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Delores Watkins - March 29, 2022 at 10:10 PM

HB

“ *Helen M Butler sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Helen m Butler - March 29, 2022 at 06:20 PM

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“ *Helen M Butler sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Helen m Butler - March 29, 2022 at 06:18 PM

HB

“ *Helen M Butler lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Helen m Butler - March 29, 2022 at 06:16 PM

ET

“ *Ernestine Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Ernestine Tolbert - March 29, 2022 at 05:53 PM

PL

“ *Pastor Jerry Love sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Pastor Jerry Love - March 29, 2022 at 04:49 PM

ER

“ *My condolences and prayers*

Essie Ratliff - March 29, 2022 at 11:37 AM

ER

“ *Essie Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Essie Ratliff - March 29, 2022 at 11:34 AM

KK

“ *Deacon Pickins was a good man. He was one of my favorite deacons. He was always so nice to me. I will truly miss him. Rest on Soldier.*



Keonna Kirksey - March 28, 2022 at 11:34 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Benton lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Deborah Benton - March 28, 2022 at 08:06 PM

DB

My heartfelt condolences on the passing of James - May GOD continue to keep you and the family in his loving arms.

Deborah Benton - March 28, 2022 at 08:08 PM

SW

Mom Lenell we are so sorry for your loss Deacon was such a good man and he will truly be missed by all. On behalf of the Debra Sarah mission circle. We will cherish his dedication and service forever. Praying for you and your family

Shirley Wright - April 01, 2022 at 02:24 AM



“ *Lula Trice lit a candle in memory of Deacon James "Jim" Pickens*



Lula Trice - March 28, 2022 at 05:32 PM