



Mr. Floyd P. Pickett Sr.

October 26, 1951 - June 10, 2022

Ambassador Floyd P. Pickett Sr., 70, passed away peacefully at his home in West Peoria on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 8:13 AM. Floyd was born October 26, 1951, in St. Louis, Missouri to Lot Pickett Sr. and Dorothy (Davis) Pickett. Floyd was the youngest of eleven children and was raised in Venice, Illinois until moving to Peoria in 1968. On August 25, 1984, he was joined in holy matrimony to Elois Gray in Atlanta, GA. Floyd was a graduate of Peoria High School in 1971. During the late 60's and 70's, he was a civil rights activist with the NAACP Peoria branch leading protests, marches, and boycotts.

Throughout his life, he continued to fight for the underserved. Floyd was wise beyond his years. He started working at a young age as a paper carrier before working at Caterpillar as a laborer and serving as a UAW representative.

Later, he worked for the Peoria Housing Authority as a housing inspector. After relocating to Atlanta, GA in 1984, he worked for the City of Atlanta - Water department. Most of his life he was an entrepreneur - using his many talents and skills he started his own customized ceramics business, Pickett Ceramics; became an American Kennel Club (AKC) certified dog breeder of German Shepherds and Giant Schnauzers; along with owning his own food truck and BBQ restaurant, Cozy Floyd's. He was named an Ambassador of Goodwill for all of his community outreach efforts within Iowa, Kansas, and Virginia. Floyd never met a stranger and was a friend to all. He loved to talk and have a good time entertaining while cooking for people. Bowling, fishing, and photography were a few of his hobbies. Also, he also loved his collection

of smoking pipes and Mont Blanc ink pens, but most of all he loved his family. He had a lasting impression on everyone he met, usually responding to people by saying "This is the best day of my life." He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Elois; two daughters, Heather (David) Young of Westfield, Indiana and Sancheze (Jay Henson) of Atlanta, Georgia, and one son, Floyd (Amanda) Pickett of Atlanta, Georgia; three grandchildren, David Young II, Kylie Young of Westfield, Indiana, and Jacory Pickett of Atlanta Georgia; and one brother, Moses (Charlene) Pickett of Peoria. Additionally, two sons in love who he helped raise, Dennis Cockroft, Peoria IL and Marcus Gunn of Seattle, Washington; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Jennifer; four brothers, Abraham, Roger, Lott Jr., and Henry Pickett and five sisters Wilma and Ressie Pickett, Retha Jones, Lottie Redd, and Thelma Crutcher. A home-going celebration will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ with visitation commencing at 10 a.m. Pastor Bolden will officiate. Interment will follow at Springdale Cemetery. Arrangements were made especially for the Pickett family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. At the request of the Pickett family, Live Streaming Service be available on T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twparkscolonialchapel/>. Online condolences and acknowledgments will be made at twparkschapel.com. Due to Covid-19, both mask and social distancing are mandated.

Cemetery Details

Springdale

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ
Peoria, IL

Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ
Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry & Dorothy Woods purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Floyd P. Pickett Sr..*



Larry & Dorothy Woods - June 20, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Floyd P. Pickett Sr..*



June 18, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Floyd P. Pickett Sr..*



June 15, 2022 at 10:33 AM