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Mr. Donald Glen Pickett, age 81, passed away early Saturday morning, January 17, 2009, at the VNS Hospice House. Don was born April 8, 1927 in Muskegon to Carl F. and Minnie (Betty) Pickett. Mr. Pickett served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps and later served 25 years with the National Guard. Donald married the former Joan Humphreys in Muskegon on May 20, 1949. He was retired from General Telephone after 38 years of service. Don was a former member of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion. He also enjoyed wood working and clock making. Donald is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joan; a daughter, Sharon (David) VanderVeen of Muskegon; 3 sons, Michael Pickett of Reston, VA. Robert (Kelly) Pickett of Muskegon, and Steven (Marjorie) Pickett of McDonough, GA; a sister, Phyllis (Gene) Roberts of Twin Lake; 2 brothers, Lauren (Gaby) Pickett of Lansing, MI, and Kenneth (Pat) Pickett of Mesa, AZ; a sister-in-law, Betty Pickett of Muskegon; 3 grandchildren, Todd (Carrie) VanderVeen, Mark (Liz) VanderVeen, and Joshua Pickett; and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his sister Edna Wilson; 2 brothers, Richard and Jack; and his infant granddaughter, Kristin. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11 AM Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100 with The Rev. John Cell Officiating and Full Military Rites under the auspices of the V.F.W. Muskegon County Council and the Michigan Army National Guard Honor Guard. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Moose Heart Fund. Share memories with the family at their on-line guest book @ www.sytsemafh.com.



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Bob and Kelley;We were soory to hear about your loss-Our thoughts and prayers will be with your family in the days ahead!Sincerely;Rhonda and Pam (FORMER Fruitport Animal Hospital employees...)

January 31 at 10:41 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers are with you and your family. Friends of Steve and Margie.

January 26 at 4:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

I never know Donald Pickette but i do know Steve. The old saying goes the nut does not fall far from the tree, with that said I know Donald was a great father, husband, and mentor to all that knew him.i am sorry for you lose and you and your family will be in my prays during this time and all time.

January 26 at 6:23 AM



Anonymous posted:

Joan and Family, We were so blessed to be friends with Don and your family for many years. Don was a special person whom we loved dearly. Joan may God Bless you and your family with peace and love. With our love, Tom and Nancy Beeman

January 25 at 3:46 PM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle Steve and Aunt Marjorie,We know that our life here on earth is temporal and saying goodbye is part of our everyday language. However, one day the word goodbye will not be in our vocabulary because we will be with The Word himself. This makes our sadness easier to bear when we find comfort and joy in our Lord Jesus Christ. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.We love you both,Sheila and Mike

January 25 at 12:31 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Joan(Mom)and the entire family, of which I have been captivantly taken in by,"Dunk" was a man like my father. He treated me like so too, which made me feel special. I am so proud to have known him and will never forget him. My heart and prayers are with you always.Love,Denny###imported-begin##Denny Sullivan###imported-end##

January 25 at 10:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.Love, Darlene###imported-begin##Darlene Smith###imported-end##

January 24 at 1:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

we love you###imported-begin##Mallory and Jacob Fulcher###imported-end##

January 23 at 2:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are friends of Steve & Sparky. We would like to express our condolences for your loss. May God always bless you and your family. You are in our prayers.###imported-begin##Rick & Tiffney Flowers & Girls###imported-end##

January 23 at 1:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

We're sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##Jim & Mary Hanham###imported-end##

January 23 at 9:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

IM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S LOSS. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. STEVE, LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO.###imported-begin##KEITH ROPER###imported-end##

January 23 at 6:16 AM



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Anonymous posted:

we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Charlie ans Shannon Meetre##imported-end##

January 23 at 5:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOST,MAY GOD BE WITH YOU##imported-begin##DOROTHY YEOMANS##imported-end##

January 23 at 4:00 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Pickett,I'm sorry for your family's loss. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Matt Claxton##imported-end##

January 23 at 3:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry that I missed the memorial services. Please note that your in our thoughts during this time. The George West Family##imported-begin##George R West##imported-end##

January 22 at 3:31 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry, we missed this. He was a great guy! You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Chuck & Jeanette Wahr##imported-end##

January 21 at 3:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

PLEASE ALLOW US TO EXPRESS OUR MOST HEARTFELT SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE LOST OF STEVES DAD. I KNOW HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED##imported-begin##DAN AND PEP PETREA##imported-end##

January 21 at 10:32 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Sharon, Joan and family,I am saddened to hear of your loss, and I pray for all of you at this sad time. I am glad Fr. John is able to come assist you through this most difficult time.Sue Strum (formerly of St. Paul's, Muskegon)Fort Myers, FL##imported-begin##Susan Strum##imported-end##

January 21 at 8:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Joan, Mike, Sharon, Bob, Steve,I am sorry that I can't be with you today. You are in my thoughts and my prayers.Love,Becky##imported-begin##Becky##imported-end##

January 21 at 6:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs Betty Pickett, Family members and Friends;Sorry to receive the news of the passing away of Don Pickett. Don and I were members of Michigan Army National Guard. We had some wonderful memories and stories. Are prayers are with you and your loved ones.SincerelySGM David Arceo##imported-begin##SGM David M. Arceo##imported-end##

January 20 at 5:43 PM



Anonymous posted:

A FRIEND AND DEDICATED SOLDIER.. DONWAS WITH US WHEN WE ORGANIZED THE 207TH ENGINEER BATTALION IN 1968.HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.##imported-begin##BG RICHARD DEMARA##imported-end##

January 20 at 12:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan & Family, We are deeply sadden with loss of a truly good man and friend. Don was a great mentor and friend to Toney in his National Guard career. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and willingness to listen and give sound advice when asked.Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joan and your family members.##imported-begin##Toney & Donna Romans##imported-end##

January 20 at 11:08 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I was a member of the Michigan National Guard in Muskegon and Bay City. I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Thomas Lebovic, COL(Ret)##imported-end##

January 20 at 8:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sharon I am so sorry about your loss. I loved your Dad very much and will miss him dearly. My prayers and thought to your family. Love you##imported-begin##Beth Rios##imported-end##

January 19 at 6:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joan and family; We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was quite a guy. We are in Florida for the winter, so will not be able to attend the funeral. We have many memories of the four of us at Military Balls, the guard auxiliary, parties at the Armory when it was still in Muskegon. You have our deepest sympathy Joan. Dale & Lois##imported-begin##Dale & Lois DeMarr##imported-end##

January 19 at 12:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathies to your family in the loss of your beloved Donald. We are here to support you in your journey of grief, and will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. -VNS Hospice Nurses & Staff##imported-begin##MHP VNS Hospice##imported-end##

January 19 at 11:52 AM



Anonymous posted:

My sincere condolences to the whole family.##imported-begin##Angus McFarren##imported-end##

January 19 at 11:45 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sharon, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Julie and Bill Veltman##imported-end##

January 19 at 9:50 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald Glen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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