



John A. Pickett

June 28, 1928 - December 29, 2020

John Alan Pickett

Age 92 ½ of Longwood at Oakmont, formerly of O'Hara Township on Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Beloved husband for 69 ½ years to Wilberta Naden Pickett; loving father to Mary Wilson (Paul) of Daytona Beach, FL, Alan Pickett (Donna) of Cold Spring, KY, Sabra Shoemake (Charlie) of San Francisco, Judy Wagner (Bob) of Wexford, PA and Louise Pickett of Cranberry Township, PA. He is the loving grandfather of 14 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. John was born in Greentown, Indiana, son of Hanley and Vetta Pickett. He attended Earlham College in Richmond, IN and graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with an Accounting major. John served in the U S Army during the Korean War.

Employment included 3 years with AVCO Corp in Richmond, IN, thirteen years with St Regis Paper Co in Richmond, IN, Cleveland, OH and Pittsburgh, PA and 23 years with Westinghouse Electric Corp in Pittsburgh. John retired in 1992 from the position of Director, Computer Systems Acquisition at Westinghouse. In all his work life, he was known for his personal interest in both his colleagues and those working for him. He had a solid work ethic, was trustworthy and dependable. He was a man of integrity who always wanted to do his best for others.

John spent nearly 10 years as a Ruling Elder in Presbyterian Churches, most recently at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church where he also served as Treasurer and Controller, and sang tenor in the church choir. John achieved the status of Emeritus Life Associate in the National Association of Accountants. John served as both a Docent and Board Member at the George Westinghouse Museum in Wilmerding and as a Board Member of the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale. He became a Bronze Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League. For many years, John was an O'Hara Township Auditor. He also served 9 years as a member of the Resource Management Committee to the Board of the Fox Chapel Area School District. Beginning in 2004 John has served as Financial Advisor to Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church in Etna, preparing its financial and tax statements and serving on the Administrative Commission that oversees the church's ministry. At Longwood, he served as Assistant Treasurer on the Resident Council.

John and Wilberta enjoyed their many travels through 44 of the continental United States and many European nations. Many trips included rail journeys to cater to John's special interest in the railroad industry. John and Wilberta enjoyed three trips overseas with choral groups: the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale tour of England and Wales; the Columbia Chorale (Vancouver, Washington) tour of Italy; and the Pittsburgh Oratorio Society tour of Spain.

John's family was important to him, and he was a loving role model for his five children. Because his wife was working, he saw shared home responsibilities with her as a team effort. He was a sweet, kind and thoughtful man with a good sense of humor who will be dearly missed.

The family wishes to thank Family Hospice for their remarkable, compassionate care.

Private interment at the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church's columbarium will be followed by a public memorial service at a date to be determined.

Memorial donations may be made to the Music Ministry of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, 384 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238, or Bread of Life Food Pantry, Calvert Memorial Church, 94 Locust Street, Etna, PA 15223.

Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Pickett*

October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *John A. Pickett*

October 06, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ *Dearest Louise, Judy, and family,
So saddened to hear of John's passing. Knowing he is with his
heavenly Father in heaven makes me joyful in my heart. His earthly
journey is over, but his heavenly one has just begun. Love and my
sincerest condolences, Elizabeth Barry*

Elizabeth Barry - January 22, 2021 at 05:51 AM



“ *Love, Light, and Peace, Erin P. Doherty & Flock
purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the
family of John A. Pickett.*



Love, Light, and Peace, Erin P. Doherty & Flock - January 14,
2021 at 06:49 AM

SZ

“ Dear Louise and family,
Thoughts and prayers to you all. So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you at this time.
Sincerely,
Sandy and Dave Zielinski

Sandrea L Zielinski - January 05, 2021 at 04:31 PM

SG

“ I was weeping as I read this obit. Thanks for capturing his essence! John was such a valued member of any organization which was lucky enough to have him. He was always such a joy to be around, An excellent bridge player, a thoughtful friend, and a true citizen of the world. I always enjoyed making him laugh, and especially making him blush! The world is a lot less special without him in it, but I know heaven is a better place with him there. Hugs to Wilberts and whole family!

sue golier - January 02, 2021 at 01:20 PM

LR

“ There were none finer. And one day, I should want to be just like John Pickett when I grow up. Love and prayers to you all.

Liz Ross - December 31, 2020 at 04:40 PM

CH

He was a wonderful compassionate man. I will miss seeing him walking hand in hand with his wife. Such a lovely couple.

Christina - December 31, 2020 at 08:45 PM

KM

I knew him only briefly, but I know his legacy through his daughter, Louise, who cherishes and honors him! Love and prayers for the entire Pickett family.

Karen Moriarty - January 02, 2021 at 10:17 AM

PG

I played bridge against John and exchanged Indiana heritage. He was always a delightful and pleasant person. We will miss him when we are back to playing face to face. My deepest sympathy to John's entire family.

Phyllis Geinzer

Phyllis M. Geinzer - January 02, 2021 at 12:31 PM

BR

Dear Pickette's,

I know you miss John, but, at the same time please always remember, Absence from the body means presence with THE LORD. He's up there in HEAVEN taking care of us all on earth.

Brad Arling

Brad - January 04, 2021 at 05:19 PM