



Raymond H. Pickering

April 4, 1928 - January 10, 2015

Raymond H. Pickering (Pops) 86, passed away Saturday January 10, 2015. Raymond was born on April 4, 1928 in Weinert, Texas. The son of Merritt and Ada Pickering, graduated from Weinert High School. Raymond was a veteran of the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Lucille Toliver, on March 9, 1951. He graduated from Texas Tech University in August of 1954 and was an avid supporter of the Red Raiders. Raymond was instrumental in the development of the irrigation industry through his career with Simmons Pump Corporation. Raymond started his career at Simmons Machine and Tool, Inc. in 1953 and built this company into a major pump manufacturer with subsidiaries in Willcox, AZ, Garden City, KS, Levelland, Ralls, Brownfield, Floydada and Haskell, TX. As a visionary, he purchased AA Foundry, Inc in San Antonio, TX to cast parts for his pump companies. Raymond proudly served on the Board of Directors of American State Bank for 35 years and St. Mary's Hospital. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic bodies and the Khiva Temple. Raymond was also a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Pops is survived by his wife Lucille; sons, David (Lugene), Jay (Dorothy) and Don (Cray) Pickering, all of Lubbock. Two sisters, Millie (Gene) Berry and Peggy (Maurice) Hall. Seven grandchildren, Chad (Andi), Jenea Stone (Caleb), Clay, Troy (Morgan), Kaci, Fallon and Britlyn Pickering. One great- grandchild, Brooks, and two more on the way. And his very special caregiver, Andi Arias. The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff of The Garrison Center of Lubbock. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the

Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) or the American Diabetes Association.

Memorial services will be held at Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday January 13, 2015 at 11:00am.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th. St.
Lubbock, TX 79407

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
5301 82nd St.
Lubbock, TX 79424

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am out of town, but thinking of your family in this time of deep sorrow. He was a great man and will be greatly missed.

Jack P. Driskill

Jack P. Driskill - January 13, 2015 at 09:39 AM

DG

“ Don, Family and Friends,

*May the Lord Bless You, Protect You and Keep You.
May He Surround You with His Divine Comfort.
May He Bestow within You His Perfect Peace.*

*Sincerest Sympathies,
Dave Gentry*

Dave Gentry - January 12, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond H. Pickering.*



January 12, 2015 at 11:33 AM

FS

“ LOVE, PRAYERS, AND SYMPATHY,
FRANCES SOWDER
LUBBOCK



FRANCES SOWDER - January 11, 2015 at 06:54 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the
family of Raymond H. Pickering.



January 11, 2015 at 08:06 AM

RJ

“ Russell Johnson purchased the Divine Peace Bo
uquet for the family of Raymond H. Pickering.



Russell Johnson - January 10, 2015 at 07:41 PM

RJ

“ Russell Johnson purchased the Serenity Wreath
for the family of Raymond H. Pickering.



Russell Johnson - January 10, 2015 at 06:36 PM

RJ

“ Raymond and I have been friends for over 84 years. We graduated from Weinert High School in 1945. We enrolled at North Texas State College in 1945. I am from October to April older than he. I was drafted out of NTSC in 1945. That was the first time that we had been apart for all of our lives. I have so many memories of us that I don't know which ones to tell so I will just say that he was my best friend and I will miss him very much.

His boys are fine people and Lucille is the best, so GOD be with you in this moment of sorrow. Russell

Russell Johnson - January 10, 2015 at 06:12 PM

DP

Russell you were the best friend any man could ever have. Dad loved as a brother. Thanks for always being there for him and us. Don Pickering

Don Pickering - January 10, 2015 at 09:20 PM

DP

*The website show the memorial to be in Vernon, TX. This is incorrect. It is Calvary Baptist in Lubbock, TX.
Don Pickering*

Don Pickering - January 10, 2015 at 09:28 PM



When I think of Raymond, I think "good man". He was that and much more. He was always quietly helping anyone who needed help. In any way he could. Most often without being asked. And I only remember him bragging ONE time in my entire life. And that was about his boys! Will miss him = just knowing he is no longer there. I will remember my cousin - a man of kindness in integrity.

Ann Visser - January 11, 2015 at 07:22 AM

BS

I Guess I Have Known Raymond For About Sixty Years. My Earliest Childhood Memories Are Filled With Spending Time At The Shop With Grandpa, Dad And Raymond. Those Memories Are Priceless To Say The Least. Raymond Always Treated Everyone With Respect. He Was A Kind, Understanding, Intelligent And Generous Person Who Went Above And Beyond What Was To Be Expected In Everything He Did. His Accomplishments In Business And As A Parent Are Obvious To Anyone Who knew Him And His Family. I Guess I Can Honestly Say That After My Grandpa And Dad That Raymond Is Number Three On My List Of Favorite People In My Life...As An Official Guardian Angel Now I Ask That He Watch Over Us And Help Keep Us Safe...

Bruce Simmons - January 12, 2015 at 12:09 PM

MF

Lucille, please know you and your family are in our prayers that God will wrap you in His love and give you peace and comfort.

Martha & Perry Fleeman - January 12, 2015 at 01:25 PM

RM

*Uncle Raymond
Thank you for being such a great uncle and mentor. Your advice and counsel helped greatly as I tried to grow up and find my way. Thanks for being such a great husband to my wonderful aunt. My the peace you deserve be with you.*

Rex Marion

Rex Marion - January 20, 2015 at 09:30 AM