



Billie Mae Pickens

October 10, 1926 - May 30, 2022

Billie Mae Pickens passed away on May 30, 2022 at the age of 95 at the Magnolia Place in New Albany, MS. She was born October 10, 1926 to Lonnie Jackson Pickens, Sr. and Nannie Bell Hamilton in Ripley, MS. She was a graduate of Ripley High School and Blue Mountain College. She was a member (since 1939) of Ripley Presbyterian Church where she served at various times as Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, Circle Bible Study Leader and President of the Women of the Church (WOC). She taught Business Education for 34 years (9 in Tippah County School system, 25 years at Ripley High School).

She is survived by nephews: Gerald Brown (Betty), Tommy Brown (Teresa), Rachel Brown; special friend: Sandra Wilkins (Bert), Bill Thompson (Jane); great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister: Loretta Pickens Brown; her brother-in-law: Lonnie Brown; her brother: Lon Pickens, Jr.; sister-in-law: Margaret Summerall Pickens; niece: Celesta Brown Yancey (Fagin); nephew: Eugene Brown.

Officiating will be Rev. Dr. Jody Hill and Rev. Brad Crump.

Pallbearers will be: Ben Reaves, Chris Reaves, Mike Long, Bert Wilkins, Tommy Benson, Adam Bryant.

Honorary Pallbearers are: Cherrie Sartor Humphrey, Dimple Graves, Sandra Ford.

Memorials can be made to Ripley Presbyterian Church.

Cemetery Details

Ripley Cemetery

716 A City Ave. North
Ripley, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.
206 N. Commerce St
Ripley, MS 38663
mcbridefh@dixie-net.com
<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *She was certainly one of the most beloved teachers at Ripley and South Tippah. A caring Christian and friend. She made such a lasting impression and I send heartfelt sympathies to her friends and family. She and Lon were such an integral part of my church experience. Am so blessed to have known her.*

Magalyn Gregg Menard - June 02 at 04:59 PM

CH

“ *Carmen Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Billie Mae Pickens*



Carmen Hubbard - June 02 at 10:47 AM

 Mary Harrell

“ *She was a precious lady! I loved working with her on The Echoes staff. Mary Martin Harrell*

Mary Harrell - June 02 at 09:27 AM

CR

“ *I absolutely loved her as my teacher. She was beautiful inside and out and always had a smile on her face. I took 2 years of shorthand from her, made straight A's, was exempt from all my tests. May you rest in sweet peace. You were a shining light in my life. I will always have fond memories of you. God Bless.* 🙏❤️



Connie Childers Rahija - June 01 at 10:41 PM

SW

“ *Susan Wommack lit a candle in memory of Billie Mae Pickens*



susan wommack - June 01 at 10:25 PM

SW

I love Ms. Pickens she was my business teacher for 4 Years at Ripley High School.

susan wommack - June 01 at 10:30 PM

CD

“ *So sorry to lose Miss Pickens. She was a remarkable teacher and friend. She was a very Special Lady. God Bless her family. Colleen Graves Dunnam.*



Colleen Graves Dunnam - June 01 at 09:17 PM

TG

“ *Terrye Grisham lit a candle in memory of Billie Mae Pickens*



Terrye Grisham - June 01 at 12:44 PM

 Lois
Watson

“ *Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Billie Mae Pickens*



Lois Watson - June 01 at 09:15 AM

DP

“ *Loved Miss Pickins. She was my high school business teach and for a while our neighbor. She was always kind even though my shorthand was awful. I still bake her pound cake.*

Diane H. Peacock - June 01 at 09:10 AM

SW

I loved miss Billie so much,she was such a dear an sweet friend. She made the best pecan pie..we shared so many fun times...love you Billie.your sweet friend Sandra

Sandra Wilkins - June 01 at 09:01 PM

WC

“ *West Ripley Baptist Church sent a virtual gift in memory of
Billie Mae Pickens*



West Ripley Baptist Church - June 01 at 06:51 AM