



Gene Pickering

December 4, 1944 - June 10, 2016

Harry Eugene (Gene) Pickering passed away Friday, June 10 of mantle-cell lymphoma at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Miss. at the age of 71.

Gene is survived by his wife of 51 years, Karon Pack Pickering of the Whitfield community in Jones County; sons and daughters-in-law Stacey and Whitney Pickering of Laurel, Miss., Robert and Julie Pickering of Seminary, Miss., Justin and Emily Pickering of Ft. Bragg, NC, and Stan and Brittney Pickering of Laurel; brother Charles (Margaret Ann) Pickering of Hebron and sister Ellen (Jimmy) Walker of Crosby, Tex; grandchildren Katie, Robert Grady, Harrison and John Thomas Pickering of Laurel, Noah, Nathan and Joshua Pickering of Seminary, Isaac and Claire Pickering of Ft. Bragg, and Anderson, Meredith, and Truett Pickering of Laurel. nephews Mike (Debbie) Walker of Huffman, Tex., Mark (Cathy) Walker of Crosby, Chip (Beth) Pickering of Jackson, Miss.; and nieces Paige (Rick) Dunkerton of Hebron, Allison (Jerry) Montgomery of Shreveport, La., and Christi (Clint) Chapman of Opelika, Ala. and a host of nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Robert Welch and Lucille Anderson Pickering of the Hebron community and brothers Bobby Vance Pickering and Thomas Pickering.

Gene was born on December 4, 1944 in the Hebron community of Jones

County and graduated from Ellisville High School, Jones County Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Business Administration. He moved back to the family's farm in Hebron to work the dairy operation where he and his brother Charles established Pickering Brothers Farm. Gene was a pioneer in Mississippi's catfish industry and after a career spanning over 45 years in the dairy business that included service on the National Dairy Board and being named Young Dairyman of the Year in 1976, he finished his career with Dairy Farmer's of America.

A godly man, Gene served as a deacon at Hebron Baptist Church and loved working with the children's ministry in Awana. He and his wife were active with Gideon's International recently serving as State President. Gene was active in his community and state. Long-serving member of the Board of Directors for the Pat Harrison Waterway District, he was also instrumental in the founding of the Hebron Volunteer Fire Department, serving as chief.

Visitation will be held at Hebron Baptist Church on Monday, June 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, June 14 at 10 a.m. with the funeral at 11 a.m. Burial will be immediately following at the Hebron Community Cemetery. The Reverend Josh Wooten will officiate the services. Pallbearers are Jeremy Dunkerton, Thomas Dunkerton, Harrison Pickering, Nathan Pickering, Noah Pickering and Robert Grady Pickering. Honorary pallbearers are members of the Seekers Sunday School Class at Hebron Baptist Church. Memory Chapel of Laurel, Miss. is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please send to Gideon's International at The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800 or www.gideons.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hebron Baptist Church

Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hebron Cemetery
43 Hebron Centerville Road
Soso, MS 39480

Tribute Wall

KC

“ So sorry for your Stacey

Karan Chastain - June 25, 2016 at 07:48 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. We are praying for the Pickering family.

Chuck & Crystal Bridges

Chuck Bridges - June 15, 2016 at 07:03 AM

TM

“ Very sorry for your loss. Condolences to the Pickering family. Terry Tullos

Terry and Marda - June 14, 2016 at 10:48 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for your comfort and healing.
Janie and Ronnie Butts



Janie and Ronnie Butts - June 13, 2016 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ The Scalia Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gene Pickering.



The Scalia Family - June 13, 2016 at 02:43 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. I am praying for all of you.

Denise McCloud - June 13, 2016 at 10:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Pickering.



June 13, 2016 at 09:16 AM

LB

“ Gene was the true walking testimony of a CHRISTIAN man. I had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Lucille, as she was a resident in the ns. home where I was a nurse. He was so devoted to her, coming nearly every day to visit her!! Having known the family for most of my life, I had the opportunity to meet each member as they visited her. Gene had Ms. Lucille's wonderful qualities as kind, loving, compassionate witness for our Lord Jesus Christ! Our Love and Sympathy, Gary (Ronny) and Linda (Cooley) Byrd

Linda Byrd - June 12, 2016 at 08:25 PM

RR

“ On behalf of the Willard Rose family, I want to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. Gene was a very fine / respected man and will be missed. I pray that God will wrap his loving arms around all of the family and provide comfort during this very difficult time.

Richard Rose

Richard Rose - June 12, 2016 at 01:34 PM

SB

“A great man has fallen. . .” How blessed I am to have known and loved each of you. God's upholding love surround you, Sharon Barham

Sharon Barham - June 12, 2016 at 01:02 PM

DW

“ We pray our Lord's love, comfort, and strength for all of the family. We are thankful for the faithful life of service and the love given you by Mr. Gene.

Dan & Rachel West - June 11, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gene Pickering.



June 11, 2016 at 11:59 AM

DS

“ Gene is just one example of the faithful Pickering family. His testimony as a Deacon and spiritual leader at Hebron Baptist Church, alongside the example of his siblings, cousins, children, and other members of those like Judge Charles and other dedicated members of what is undoubtedly one of Mississippi's outstanding servant families stands out in history. I thank the Lord for all of these who have left behind them footprints in God's sands of time to guide the rest of us in the direction we ought to go. I believe that Gene would quote the Apostle Paul to all of us who have been left behind, "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13). Don and Mona Stewart.

Don and Mona Stewart - June 11, 2016 at 10:42 AM

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“ I will never forget our trip to Ridgecrest when Gene was BSU president at JCLC and I was president at Carey. A wonderful week of inspiration and training and Gene and I became lifelong friends. Tommy King.

Tommy .King - June 11, 2016 at 08:37 AM

MF

“ Karon, I just read about Gene. I have some great memories of Gene as my roommate during our Junior year at USM. I'm glad that I could call him my friend. I will be unable to attend the funeral but you and the family will be in my prayers during this difficult time. Mike Fant, Shreveport, LA

Mike Fant - June 10, 2016 at 10:19 PM

SG

“ *Sonia Fabian, Rodney Ervin, & Melissa Goings purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gene Pickering.*



Sonia Fabian, Rodney Ervin, & Melissa Goings - June 10, 2016 at 05:42 PM