



James "Jim" Cassius Pickett

January 31, 1942 - January 9, 2024

James "Jim" Cassius Pickett was born on January 31, 1942 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Grant F. Pickett and Helen W. (Cassada) Pickett. He passed from this life on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 in Tulsa, at the age of 81. Jim was raised and educated in Sand Springs, Oklahoma and graduated from Sand Springs High School in 1959. He went on to earn both his bachelor's degree and master's in education from Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Jim was married to Gloria Virginia Sherrill on January 18, 1964 in Sand Springs.

Jim spent most of his working life as an educator. He taught history at Bell Junior High and Rogers High Schools, as well as computer science at Byrd Junior High. He then became the computer coordinator at the Tulsa Public Schools Education Service Center, where he developed and oversaw the computer curriculum for over 100 Tulsa schools. During his educational career, Jim also owned Derrick Electronics in Broken Arrow, which he operated for ten years. Upon retirement from the school system, Jim worked an additional nine years at Sabre as a customer service representative in the Hot Issues department.

Jim was a man of strong faith, dedicating his services to Skelly Drive Baptist Church in Tulsa and First Baptist Church in Owasso. He was a lifetime member of the American Radio Relay League and an avid amateur radio operator for over 65 years. Jim spent countless hours working with the radios and computers in his ham shack, and also enjoyed playing the banjo in his

spare time.

Jim's pride and joy was his family. He is survived by: His Loving Wife of almost 60 years;

Gloria Pickett Two Sons;

Russell Pickett and wife Debbie

Daniel Pickett and wife Abby Three Grandchildren;

Ash Thomson, Paige Pickett, and Grace Pickett Sister;

Marilyn Billingsly

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grant and Helen Pickett.

Jim was deeply loved by his family, friends, and former students. He was known for his sense of humor, infectious laugh, and love of puns and wordplay. He loved singing, playing, and listening to gospel and folk music. He believed in strong character, had a powerful sense of right and wrong, and always held the door for his wife. He was an unforgettable personality, and the world is lessened by his passing.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024 in the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel, with Pastor Paul Purifoy officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Jim's memory to The Mission, 11341 N. Garnett Rd., Owasso, OK 74055.

Previous Events

LIVE STREAM SERVICE

JAN 15. 2:00 PM.

Live Stream - Mowery FS Chapel
<http://www.vimeo.com/moweryfs>

Memorial Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel
9110 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Memorial Fund

JAN 15 (CT)

The Mission
11341 North Garnett Road
Owasso, OK 74055

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I never once saw Jim without him having a smile on his face. I first met him in the early 60's when we were going to college in Tahlequah and we were staying in the same dorm. We were both Ham's and living on the upper floor of the same dorm. Jim was lucky enough to have his girl friend living in the girl's wing of the dorm on the other side so he was able to stretch a random wire out his window over to his girl friend's window on the same floor. I walked in his room one day and he was so happy to demonstrate his impedance match box. He made a commit that he could load his transmitter into a grapefruit which he actually tried, of course his random wire worked much better. I lost contact with Jim over the years but I am so glad to have had him as a friend. I hope his family enjoys this remembrance of him. Jim was K5LAD and I was K5JIJ but later picked up my father's SK call of W5GXZ. Jim was also active in the BSU at Tahlequah at the time. I can't help but look at Jim's picture that I am reminded of Johnathan Winters who I believe was his favorite comedian. God Bless You and Your Family! Your smile is something else. Jerry Russell - W5GXZ, Alba, TX

Jerry Russell - June 12, 2024 at 07:57 PM

JR

The correct word is "comment" and not "commit" in the above. JR

Jerry Russell - June 14, 2024 at 05:56 PM

AS

“ We have just learned from a fellow ham radio operator of our friend, Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man and our hearts go out to his family. May God bless you and provide all Jim's family with healing, comfort and peace. Tom Shaw (K5OVT) and Ann Shaw (KC5UVQ). andypandyann@cox.net

Ann Shaw - March 26, 2024 at 10:38 PM

JA

“ *Mr. Pickett was my history teacher at Bell Junior High in the late 60's. He made learning fun and was such a kind teacher. I was extremely shy and he would encourage me to come out of my shell. My funniest memory of him was telling a knock-knock joke and singing "Sam and Janet Evening" as the punch line. There was a boy named Sam in that class, who was also very shy. We both turned red as beets but laughed at the joke.*

Janet Leath Ames - February 24, 2024 at 08:30 AM

PT

“ *To the family of Jim Pickett. My deepest sympathy to you. May God grant you His Peace. Jim was one of my heros in Ham Radio. I made contact with him back in the late 60's early 70's as a young ham. Throughout the years he was always the most cheerful guy. I LOVED seeing him at the Green Country Hamfest. It would always be one of the highlights of the day. God bless you. Paul Teel, WB5ANX*

Paul Teel - January 16, 2024 at 09:15 PM

CP

“ Dear Gloria, Daniel, and Russell:
Charlotte and I just learned of Jim's death and was shocked at that news. We enjoyed visiting with him after Virginia's funeral and our conversation picked up as if we had been together just the previous week!! He was shocked that I recalled his K5LAD call letters and several other memories we shared. Jim and you were some of my very favorite young people in our Broadway Baptist youth group!! What great days those were. Had no idea then what life held for all of us but these decades later enable us to have a longer look backward and realized how blessed we all have been.
We share some of the grief you have right now and pray that soon the many good and fun memories we all have of Jim will overshadow the loss we now feel. Please know that the time that has separated our closer contacts with you both can never dull the warm memories we recall of those younger years. We love you both and all the Pickett and Sherrill families!! May God's special comfort surround you every day!!
Most sincerely,
Charlotte and George Paden
Sand Springs, OK



Charlotte and George Paden - January 15, 2024 at 04:00 PM

BZ

“ Mr. Pickett taught my history class at Bell Junior High in the 60's. He was a great teacher and a remarkable human being. He was funny, kind and would play banjo for us every now and then. My condolences to his family for their loss.

Billie Grant Zandbergen

Billie Zandbergen - January 14, 2024 at 07:08 PM

AS

“ *Mr. Pickett was my history teacher at Bell 74/75 school year. I remember he had us make a video of different historic events which was quite a blast. He was a great teacher who made learning fun!*

Anne Stevens - January 14, 2024 at 03:19 PM

BD

“ *Jim Pickett, better known to me as K5LAD was a warm, friendly kind of guy with a big heart and a “giving” man, always wanting to help people along the way in life. I hadn’t seen or talked to Jim for years but his life was just one more inspirational example of a life well lived. Glad I had some time with him. He will be missed.*

Bruce Denny KA5ZZN

Bruce Denny - January 14, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Cassius Pickett.*



January 13, 2024 at 03:19 PM