



Christine M. Pickel

March 24, 1935 - September 4, 2021

Christine M. Pickel, age 86 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Saturday morning, September 4, 2021, at 3:33 AM at her home. Christine was a former resident of Mt. Zion, Illinois and a resident of Johnson County for the past 20 years.

Christine was born March 24, 1935 in Flippin, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Bantford and Alva (Hale) Kendall.

On March 14, 1956, Christine was united in marriage to Norman W. Pickel in Decatur, Illinois. He preceded her in death on July 20, 2002.

Christine is survived by: her children – Joni M. “Homer” Ellis of Vienna and Rodney W. “Clyde” Pickel of Nashville, Tennessee; 2 grandsons – Christopher “Catfish” (Stephanie) Carrick of Vienna and James W. (his fiancé, Bella Schirmer) Ellis III of Decatur; 2 great grandsons – Cameron and Caleb; a brother – Don (Jackie) Kendall of Edinburg; a sister – Charlene (Bill) Brown of Cisco; 2 former sisters-in-law – Bev and Betty; a dear friend & “adopted” sister – Shirley Alexander; dear friends & “adopted” daughters – Ellen Williams and Tammy Teske; and many others who Christine loved like her own family. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

Christine was preceded in death by her father, Bantford Kendall; her mother and stepfather, whom she loved dearly, Alva and Charles Vaughn; 2 brothers – Wayne Kendall and Paul Kendall; as well as an infant brother.

Christine attended Stephen Decatur High School. She was a devoted homemaker and a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Christine was a wonderful cook and is remembered for making excellent brownies and “the best chocolate chip cookies” in the world. Christine had served as an Avon representative during the time she resided in Mt. Zion.

Christine was a member of the Decatur Foursquare Church. Locally, she attended Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

A service honoring the life of Christine M. Pickel will be conducted Friday afternoon, September 10, 2021, at 1 PM at Gilead Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 4385 Gilead Church Road, Simpson, Illinois.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 10, 2021, from 11 AM – 1 PM at the church.

Following the service, family and friends are invited to gather for a lunch in the church fellowship hall.

Interment will be private.

For those unable to personally attend the service, the ceremony will be livestreamed on the Bailey Funeral Home Facebook page and will be archived for later viewing.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1905 or online at www.stjude.org

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gilead Church
4385 Gilead Church Rd
Simpson, IL 62985
(618) 695-2653

Service

SEP 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Gilead Church
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Simpson, IL 62985
(618) 695-2653

Luncheon

SEP 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Christine M. Pickel*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Joni and Rod, I am so sorry to hear that Chris has died. She was such a lovely person. I don't think I ever saw her in a bad mood.*

Joanne Stephenson

Joanne Marie Stephenson - September 10, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Daxvid And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Christine M. Pickel*



Daxvid and Ellen Hill - September 10, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *Joni, sorry to hear about the loss of your mom.*



Lou - September 10, 2021 at 09:08 AM

AL

“ Albert and Lori Lowe purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Christine M. Pickel.



Albert and Lori Lowe - September 08, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Christine M. Pickel.



September 08, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine M. Pickel.



September 07, 2021 at 10:08 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of Christine M. Pickel



Barbara Jeffress - September 07, 2021 at 05:27 PM

DC

“ Rodney and Joni,
So sorry to hear that your mom passed away. Your parents always made me feel very welcome whenever I was at your home when we were growing up. Your mom was very special and how she lived her life comforts you at this time.

Dave Runyon of Riverside, CA - September 07, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JG

“ So many fond memories of our own little “Pickel Reunions”. Much love, prayer and hugs for Rodney, Joni and the rest of the family. Tony & Jami “Pickel” Gibbons.



Jami Gibbons - September 06, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. She will be missed. Love you

Chrome Kendall - September 06, 2021 at 06:32 AM

KD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with You all. May God comfort you all in this time. Chris was a special lady.



Kenny Dugger - September 06, 2021 at 12:28 AM

MS

“ Mike And Nancy Solomon lit a candle in memory of Christine M. Pickel



Mike and Nancy Solomon - September 05, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JF

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time. she will be missed by many, a wonderful person.



Richard and Joan Faulkner-Owen

Joan Faulkner-Owen - September 05, 2021 at 05:09 PM

SN

“ Sam Riley And Deb Newton lit a candle in memory of Christine M. Pickel



Sam Riley and Deb Newton - September 05, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Christine M. Pickel



John Slack - September 05, 2021 at 08:49 AM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Christine M. Pickel



Sheri Robinson - September 04, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ Valerie Lynne lit a candle in memory of Christine M. Pickel



Valerie Lynne - September 04, 2021 at 07:13 PM

TM

“ I'm So Sorry for Your Loss Sending Prayers to ALL of You!!



Theresa Mckenzie-Trovillion - September 04, 2021 at 06:43 PM

DB

“ *Such a sweet lady. She will be missed.*



Dorothy Bacon - September 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM

DF

“ *Debbie Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Christine M. Pickel*



Debbie Faulkner - September 04, 2021 at 05:22 PM

LM

Joni, so very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a very special lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Larry W. Mizell - September 10, 2021 at 09:53 PM