



William "Bill" Joe Pickett

November 27, 1936 - June 14, 2025

We celebrate the life of William "Bill" Joe Pickett, also known as Pops, Gramps, Grandpa, and Papa Pickett. Bill passed away peacefully at his home in rural Longton on Saturday, June 14th, 2025.

Born to William and Elise Pickett in Ponca City, OK, on November 27, 1936, Bill moved to rural Longton in 1953 with his family due to flooding at their previous residence. His father decided it was best to settle on higher ground where he would no longer need to milk the cows in knee-deep water or relocate furniture to the attic for safety.

Bill graduated from Longton High School in 1955 and briefly attended college before deciding to pursue a career in farming and ranching. He met LaDonna Sue Williams at the Helms Club in Havana, KS, and instantly knew she was the one for him. Despite facing her eleven siblings, their connection flourished through shared activities such as dancing, horseback riding, and buffalo rodeos.

Bill and LaDonna were united in marriage at the Independence Baptist Church on December 27, 1963. Their life on the farm gained new dimensions with the arrival of their three children: JoElla Sue, Gregory Allen, and Melissa Ann. Bill dedicated many years to farming, milking cows, raising pigs, horseback riding, camping, and fishing with his family. He also established a crop insurance

business and was an active church member. In their later years, Bill and LaDonna enjoyed traveling, but spending time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought Bill the most joy.

Bill is survived by his daughter Jody and her husband Kevin Proctor; granddaughter Montana and her husband Cameron Lipich; son Greg and his wife Amanda Pickett; grandson Colter and his wife Maddi Pickett; great-granddaughter Cassidy and great-grandson Joseph Pickett; grandsons Clancy Pickett and Emmett Pickett; daughter Missy and her husband Gary Beougher; granddaughter Heather and her husband Brace Osburn; great-granddaughters Amelia Osburn and Wren Osburn; and granddaughter Bridget and her husband Kolby Hugo. He is also remembered fondly by his friends, church family, and self-adopted grandchildren who lovingly called him grandpa.

Bill was welcomed at the gates of heaven by his Lord and Savior, his father William and mother Elise Pickett, his brother Richard Pickett, and is now walking hand in hand with beloved wife, LaDonna Pickett.

The family invites friends and loved ones to join in a celebration of Bill's life at the Longton Baptist Church on Thursday June 19 at 10:30am. Bill will lie in state at the church 1 hour before services begin with graveside services to follow.

Bills children request any memorial contributions can be made to Longton Youth Group which was near and dear to Bill's heart and can be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

As we reflect on his incredible journey of this thing called life, we find comfort in knowing that Bill's spirit will continue to inspire those who carry on his legacy. May his memory be a testament to a life devoted to love, faith, and

family.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box
1233, Howard, KS 67349

Cemetery Details

Longton Cemetery

Longton, KS 67352

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
405 Kansas
Longton, KS 67352

Service

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ Callahan Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" Joe Pickett.



Callahan Family - June 18, 2025 at 02:52 PM

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“ Callahan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Joe Pickett.

Callahan Family - June 18, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Joe Pickett.



June 17, 2025 at 02:52 PM

KF

“ Kallie Folsom purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Joe Pickett.



Kallie Folsom - June 17, 2025 at 02:15 PM

AF

“ Arvest Agri Finance purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Joe Pickett.



Arvest Agri Finance - June 17, 2025 at 10:22 AM

DC

“ Darlia & children (Monica, Megan, Cody) purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William "Bill" Joe Pickett.



Darlia & children (Monica, Megan, Cody) - June 16, 2025 at 08:33 PM

KI

“ Bill always loved green olives him and I always fought over them at family reunions he will be missed

Kathy Brown sister inlaw - June 16, 2025 at 05:46 PM