



Rita Kerwin Pickett

July 12, 1921 - April 21, 2012

Albany-Rita Kerwin Pickett, 90, died Saturday morning, April 21, 2012 at home. Born in Freehold, NJ, she was the daughter of the late James and Mary Kearns Kerwin.

Rita was educated in Freehold schools, and graduated in 1942 from St. Francis Hospital Nursing School. She was Chief Operating Room Nurse at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, PA, which is where she met William E. Pickett, MD. They married and moved to Albany, NY and Rita became a homemaker and also worked occasionally in her husband's office. Dr. Pickett predeceased Rita on July 6, 2003.

Rita was an avid lifelong reader and encouraged reading by donations of books to school libraries and students. She was a devoted mother and wife who dedicated herself to family. As a grandmother she gave an infinite amount of love and understanding. Rita was always welcoming and generous to her children's friends who were a continual presence in her home.

She was the mother of William E. Pickett Jr of Anaheim, CA, Joseph P. Pickett (Jane Dickson) of Swampscott, MA, James D. Pickett (Andrea Kollar) of Guilderland, John T. Pickett (Virginia Mayes) of Alexandria, VA, Margaret M. Pickett of McKownville, Michael F. Pickett of Albany and Rita Pickett (Leonard Van Ryn) of Latham; grandmother of Shannon Pickett, Kevin Pickett, Conor

Pickett, Luke Pickett, Zachary Pickett, Anna Pickett, Eamonn Pickett, Lily Pickett, Irene Van Ryn and Noah Van Ryn; sister of the late Thomas Kerwin, Elizabeth Cunningham, and Marguerite Kerwin; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews survive.

Funeral services Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 9:30 am at Mater Christi Church, Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Tuesday morning after 8:00 am at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Those wishing to remember Rita in a special way may send a contribution to The Community Hospice, 295 Valley View Blvd., Rensselaer, NY 12144 or the Dr. William Pickett '41 Memorial Scholarship, care of Siena College.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share a photo with them, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Service

APR **24**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Kerwin Pickett*

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“ *I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Pickett family.*

I am extremely proud that I was able to experience the love, dedication and family spirit that the the Pickett family embraced as the mother of Shannon Pickett, Dr and Rita's first grandchild.

The Pickett family was always welcoming and I witnessed first hand the love that they gave to my daughter.

I feel comforted that Rita and Bill are now reunited, I know that Rita dearly missed her husband.

Rita was an outstanding mother, grandmother and friend to all. She devoted her life to her family and beyond.

While she will be surely missed, she is now blessed to be where she is.

Namaste, Grandma Pickett, your presence on earth is noticed and appreciated.##imported-begin##Renee Barbercheck-Pickett-Soper##imported-end##

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“ *Maggie, Mike and the Pickett family, My deepest sympathies for the loss of your dear Mom. May you find comfort in all the fond memories you hold. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.*###imported-begin##Linda Scarnato##imported-end##

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