



Len W. Pickett

January 6, 1945 - October 27, 2022

Len W. Pickett, 77, of Kingsford, passed away Thursday, October 27, 2022 at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

Len was born January 6, 1945 in Goodrich, MI, son of the late Ross and Mary (Lowrie) Pickett. He graduated from Grand Blanc High School in 1963. Len married Frances LeClaire on July 1, 1967 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Baraga. The couple moved to Marquette, MI where Len attended Northern Michigan University and obtained a Bachelor's of Science with High Honors. The couple moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Len earned his Masters in Speech Language Pathology from the University of New Mexico. After completion of his Masters degree he was accepted into the Doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He became involved in the VA in Minnesota until he was offered a job at the Iron Mountain Veterans Administration Hospital. He left the U of M to begin work at the Iron Mountain VA where he implemented the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Len continued to work at the VA for 15 years. He moved to Daytona Beach to set up a Speech and Hearing Clinic at a new outpatient clinic for the VA. After one year in Florida, he was ready to return to the Upper Peninsula. He taught at Manistique High School for three years and NMU for five years. He finished out his 40 plus year career in speech pathology working at Dickinson County Hospital and Home Health and retired in 2004. He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford, the Knights of Columbus, the

Serra Club and the Merriman Sportsmen's Club. He coached Little League and Special Olympics for several years and was a delegate for the Republican Party. Len was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at camp. He was an outstanding athlete and enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in many sports. He traveled to many countries and made friends everywhere he went. He was a wonderful husband, father, papa, friend, mentor, and teacher.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Fran; two sons, Shaun (Trisha) Pickett of Felch and Mike (Stacey) Pickett of Iron Mountain; a daughter, Shannon (Jeff) Powell of Iron Mountain; grandchildren, Audra (Ben) DeRidder, Eva and Scotty Pickett, Ellison, Jacob, James and Joseph Powell, and Isabella "Bella", Connor and Brinley Pickett; one great granddaughter, Marilyn DeRidder; a brother-in-law, Dr. John (Lisa) LeClaire; nephews, Brian (Courtney) LeClaire and Andrew LeClaire; and a niece, Sara (Will) Metz.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 3, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A Memorial Mass will be on Friday at 11:00 am at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the Kingsford Fire Department for the many times they helped Len in the past few years. Also, to Len's special friends Dr. Ted and Mary Fornetti. Mary spent countless hours at the hospital with Len over the past 40 years through his 18 major surgeries.

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Len Pickett online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Mass

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

SP

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Len's passing...it was an honor to have met you both and to care for him. You're in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 Susan (from Mary hill)

Susan Perfetti - November 25, 2022 at 02:38 AM

RF

“ Robert F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Len W. Pickett.



Robert F. - November 04, 2022 at 01:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.



November 03, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.



November 02, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.*



November 02, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.*



November 01, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.*



November 01, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.*



November 01, 2022 at 09:25 AM

PL

“ *Condolences to cousin Len’s family and friends. He will be missed by all.*

Paul Litten, Birmingham, AL

Paul Litten - October 31, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.*



October 31, 2022 at 05:18 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Len touched many life's. He will be remembered for the joy he brought to others. He will be missed. His legacy lives on; he left the world a better place.*

Darlene Bigari - October 31, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.*



October 31, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Len W. Pickett.*



October 31, 2022 at 06:29 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to you and your family! Praying for comfort during this difficult time! Nice Gary and MaryAnn can be there too- longtime friends are the best! Take care! Hugs Fran!!*
Judy Hiltunen

Judy Hiltunen - October 30, 2022 at 10:34 PM



It was always nice when Len and Fran took the long drive to the Clarkston Michigan area to join in with the Lowrie Christmas parties and reunions over the past so many years. God Speed Len
Chuck Lowrie

Chuck Lowrie - October 31, 2022 at 04:04 PM



God Speed Len, my best to Fran and family. I am truly honored to have known you.

John LaCourt - November 03, 2022 at 09:17 PM