



## John Portman Pickens

March 29, 1922 - January 9, 2015

John Portman Pickens, 92, of 3232 Tigerville Road, widower of Ruth Taylor Pickens, died January 9, 2015.

A native of Oconee County, son of the late Eddie Carlisle and Alpha Powell Pickens, he was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of Mountain View United Methodist Church. Mr. Pickens was a 1949 Clemson University graduate with a Master's Degree, was Founding Principal at Foothills Vocational School with 34 years as an Educator with Greenville County. Mr. Pickens was a recipient of Greenville County Proclamation Day.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Kent Crain of Travelers Rest; three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Kathy Pickens of Greer, Tommy and Kim Pickens of Simpsonville and Rev. Jerry and Rebecca Pickens of Cross Hill; one sister, Anita Elrod of Anderson; seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pickens was predeceased by one son, Gordon Pickens.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Mountain View United Methodist Church conducted by Rev. Chris Arries. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Gregg Pickens, Todd Pickens, Brad Pickens, Kevin Pickens, Justin Crain, John Stoehr and Josh Painter.

Visitation will be held 1:00-2:45 p.m. Sunday at Mountain View United Methodist Church.

The family is at the home of the daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Kent

Crain, 3242 Tigerville Road, Travelers Rest, S.C. 29690.

Memorials may be made to Mountain View United Methodist Church, 6525 Mountain View Road, Taylors, S.C. 29687 or Open Arms Hospice, 1836 West Georgia Road, Simpsonville, S.C. 29680.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Methodist Church Cemetery

6525 Mountain View Road  
Taylors, SC 29687

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Mountain View Methodist Church  
6525 Mountain View Road  
Taylors, SC

## Service

JAN 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mountain View Methodist Church  
6525 Mountain View Road  
Taylors, SC

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ So sad to read if Me Pickens passing yet what a wonderful life (92 years!!) to rejoice about! He was a fine and well respected man! He will always be my favorite principal! Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you in the days ahead! God bless you Deborah Vinson Rainwater

deborah rainwater - January 13, 2015 at 06:03 AM

PS

“ Patricia Stanley lit a candle in memory of John Portman Pickens



Patricia Stanley - January 12, 2015 at 07:53 PM

AK

“ Albert & Karen lit a candle in memory of John Portman Pickens



Albert & Karen - January 12, 2015 at 07:07 PM

LC

“ What a beautiful life he lived. So sorry for your loss. I just remember Mr. Pickens as a really nice man. I rejoice that he is now at rest and with his Heavenly Father. Prayers for the family.

Linda Cannon - January 12, 2015 at 06:18 PM

JR

“ You have our sympathy in the passing of John P., as he was known to our family. Our mother, Geneva Smith Singleton, always thought highly of John P. and Ruth. I remember hearing him sing with his brother Edward, and Anita when they were younger. He attended many "Jenkins/Pickens" reunions and sometimes sang there. Please know that you are in our prayers as you grieve.  
Sincerely,

*Jane Singleton Ramey ( #5 of Geneva and Phydell Singleton's)*

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**Jane S. Ramey** - January 12, 2015 at 02:50 PM

LW

“ As a student at Blue Ridge Mr. Pickens always made me feel that I mattered to him. Eye contact and a smile with a greeting. Even now as an adult I remember those eyes and that smile.

*Loretta (Slatton) Wells*

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**Loretta Wells** - January 11, 2015 at 08:02 AM

AS

“ *My fondest memories of Uncle John are just hearing him laugh and cut up with us kids when we got together at family gatherings. He had a one-of-a-kind way with children and always made us feel welcome and loved. I know he will truly be missed, but he "finished well" and his life and character are an example to us all. My goal today is to share my fondest memories with my children who never got the privilege of knowing him. Praying for peace, grace, and comfort from our heavenly Father to cover the family, and may we all rejoice in Uncle John's beautiful home going.*

*2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*

*Let us do the same, and run this race with perseverance!*

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**Andrea B. Stephens** - January 10, 2015 at 01:41 PM

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*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you very much Jerry and Becky. Miss you too..... Sheri Chris Jaxon and Jarrett*

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**Sheri Huettmann** - January 14, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Portman Pickens.*



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January 10, 2015 at 09:32 AM