



## JOSEPH MAXWELL PICKENS

November 12, 2024

Joseph Maxwell Pickens, born January 15, 1953, passed away peacefully on November 12, 2024, at his residence. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He graduated from Hueytown High School in 1971 and Samford University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in finance. He worked in the finance industry for almost forty years. He always advocated for the "blue collar" worker and strived to go out of his way to help those in need.

First and foremost, he loved his wife Veronica Pickens. They were married in 1987 and were together for over 35 years. They were happier and happier as each year passed. After she died in 2021, the loss proved to be too much. Max was committed to his family. He was extraordinarily successful and provided a stable and loving home environment. His work ethic and logical approach to problem-solving coupled with uncompromising moral beliefs are attributes that will have a long-lasting effect on many people. He was an avid woodworker and produced many highly customized artifacts that his family and friends will enjoy for generations. He especially enjoyed constructing furniture designs that made practical use of wasted space. His creativity and ingenuity were indeed a gift. He loved Alabama football and playing golf. Most fall Saturday mornings started with a round of golf followed by an afternoon party watching Bama football with his family and friends. His ability to produce the savory meats on the grill or smoker are legendary.

He was undoubtedly one of a kind and always commanded the room. He never missed an opportunity to mentor anyone that would listen. His extensive life experiences provided sage counseling to countless people of all ages. He has been a rock to many, a master at sarcastic humor and witty timing to others, and even a glorious pain in the neck to what I am sure is a small select few. However, one thing that remained constant was that he would be at your side with no questions asked.

Max was preceded in death by the Honorable Harry Pickens (father), Margaret Pickens (mother), and Veronica Pickens (wife). He is survived by his children Joseph Huett (Meganne), Tina Bonner (Chad), and grandchildren Mary Kathryn Huett, Kinsley Bonner, and Brayden Bonner. He will be missed but never forgotten. Godspeed, my friend. ROLL TIDE!!

The visitation will be from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM, Friday, November 22, 2024, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery.

Peoples Chapel Funeral home 195 Brooklane Drive Hueytown, AL 35023  
Phone: (205) 497-2273 [www.peopleschapelFuneralHome.com](http://www.peopleschapelFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Rest in peace my friend. Tom and Cathy Ponikvar

Tom Ponikvar - November 22, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of JOSEPH MAXWELL PICKENS.



November 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of JOSEPH MAXWELL PICKENS.



November 19, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JOSEPH MAXWELL PICKENS.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of JOSEPH MAXWELL PICKENS.

November 19, 2024 at 12:04 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of JOSEPH MAXWELL PICKENS.*



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“ *A good man, and a good friend. We will miss you, Max.*



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**Teresa Walden** - November 18, 2024 at 07:08 PM