



## CHERYL PICKENS

February 4, 1954 - October 9, 2011

Cheryl A. Pickens, 57, of Kankakee, died Sunday, October 9, 2011 at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be Friday, October 14, 2011 from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 10:00 A. M. until time of Funeral Services at 11:00 A. M. at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor C. Ramont Morris will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Cheryl A. Pickens was born February 4, 1954 in Kankakee, IL to Mary Lou and Edward Pickens Jr.

She was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Hospitality Committee and had served on the Finance Committee.

She graduated from St. Anne High School and received her M.A. and B.S. Degrees from Northern Illinois University.

She enjoyed family gatherings, playing Scrabble and Bid Whist and listening to "oldies" music.

Ms. Pickens was a teacher at Lorenzo Smith School.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her son, Jason Edward Pickens of Kankakee, IL; her mother, Mary Lou Gilbert of Kankakee, IL; one grandson, Jason Edward Pickens Jr.; aunts and uncles, Sandra Ellison, Rosetta Cunningham and Laura Giddings, all of Pembroke, Illinois, Lorraine and Edward Bowman of Flossmoor, IL, Earl and Frankie Giddings and George and

Janice Giddings all of Kankakee, IL, Herbert and Deborah Giddings of Minneapolis, MN, Ruby Giddings and Bernie Giddings both of University Park, IL and Dorothy Ballard of Greenwood, Mississippi; great aunts, Earlene Prather, Anne Giddings and Arlene Giddings, all of Chicago, IL; special friends, Patricia Nevills of Kankakee, IL, Robin and James Robinson of Flossmoor, IL, and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; her brother, John Pickens; maternal grandparents, John and Zelma Giddings; and paternal grandparents, Edward and Maggie Pickens.

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ Our prayers are with you in your loss. When I had the opportunity to talk with Cheryl, I always appreciated her honesty and dedication to her work.

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**Ardella Perry-Osler** - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Cheryl was truly an educator from her heart and she will be greatly missed. She made her mark and had a positive impact on so many lives.

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**Ken Crite** - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dearest Mary Lou, Jason, Ebony and family: My prayers are truly with you at this time and will be with you and for you in the days ahead. God will give you the comfort and peace that you need! Cheryl will be missed by all who knew her!

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**Joyce Shoemaker** - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Cheryl was loved much and will be missed even more. We thank God for all of the joy she brought to all of us. We are praying for your family to keep the faith and know that we will see her again, in Heaven.

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**the Pitchlyn Family** - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Jason & Family,

*I am SO sorry for your loss Jason! We were just talking about you and the Grace days the other day. Get ahold of me sometime. I am here for you anytime. Love you!*

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**Amanda Meyer & Family** - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My Heart goes out to Cheryl's family. Memories and Love of our friendship at Northern still

*lingers. May God continue to embrace you in your time of sorrow.*

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**Betty M. Draper and Family** - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Mrs. Mary Lou & Family, you're in our prayers. Our son, Uteric Dillard IV. & his family as well are praying for you all as well. Love Always, Babysister (Carsee Breathett-Chism

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**Carsee Chism** - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Marylou,

*Our prayers are with you and Jason - Remeber God does not make any mistakes, nor does he put more on us that we can bare.*

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**Shelley Doggett@ Lauren Pride** - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ To Marylou and Jason, I am so sorry to here about Cheryl. Cheryl was a wonderful person with a wonderful personality. She will be missed. Remember this one thing for sure, there is no sorrow, that God can't heal.  
Rest in peace Cheryl in the arms of t

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**Carla Shivers Wright** - October 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ My prayers are with you, Jason and Mary Lou. I believe you know the HEALING POWER OF GOD. Continue to trust in HIM and he will not leave you.

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**Patricia Jamison** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Truly saddened by the news of Cheryl's passing. :-)

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**Nickey F. Yates, Sr.** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mary Lou and Jason:

Cheryl will be greatly missed and we thank God for allowing us to share in her life. Our prayers will continue to be with you both in the days ahead.

Love and God's blessings.

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**Michael, Rita, & Sterling Morris** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ My prayers are with the family. My deepest sympathy for your loss..

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**Adrienne Walker** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *My prayers are with you.*

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**John** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *We would like to extend our condolences to Mary Lou and Jason. Our prayers are with you. May The Lord Bless You And Keep You! Love, The Mingo Family*

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**Mingo Family** - October 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM