



Obituary for Dr. Conrad L. Pickett

4/21/1931 - 11/12/2012

Dr. Conrad Laverne Pickett, of Hot Springs and Petoskey, Mich., passed away Monday, November 12, 2012, at his eldest daughter Amy's ranch near Hot Springs, following a long illness. He will be remembered for his kind heart, consideration, humor and how he always put others first. He was 81 years old.

Conrad was born April 21, 1931, in Pleasantdale, N.Y. Growing up along the Hudson River, he forever loved water. His mother's and father's names were Louisa and Alpha. He grew up in a family with three sisters and two brothers.

He graduated from Stillwater High School, New York, attended Ohio Wesleyan College, where he played football. Continuing his studies at the University of Michigan he studied pre-med and met his future wife, Jean Liberty. After earning his MD from the University of New York-Syracuse, he became a college doctor for two years at the University of Michigan, and in Fredonia, N.Y.

Conrad specialized in Psychiatry and worked for the Veterans Administration in numerous states including the Hot Springs VA, 1979 until 1984 as well as serving at VAs in Ohio, Wyoming and Nevada. He also worked as a prison psychiatrist in San Luis Obispo, Calif. In his entire work career of approximately 40 years, he missed only one day of work.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jean Pickett of Hot Springs and Petoskey, six children; Amy (Dan) Pickett of Hot Springs, Jeffrey Pickett of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., David Pickett of Petoskey, Timothy (Esther) Pickett, Petoskey, Laurie (Bill) Hickman of Longmont, Colo., and Melanie (Cyril) Drier of Petoskey. He is also survived by siblings Ronald (Judy) Pickett of Boston and Ruth Ann Holmes of Cincinnati, Ohio. He loved to support his 12 grandchildren in the arts, sports, and their hobbies. Coming from a musical and artistic family, he enjoyed the arts, especially opera. His other hobbies included jogging, swimming, gardening, and singing in the barber shop quartet.

This grandpa, husband, brother, dad, and friend will never be forgotten. May his spirit dance in the wind and remain in our hearts forever.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Herbert and Charles and a sister, Louise.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, November 16, 2012, at Wesleyan Church, 2046 Canton Avenue, Hot Springs with Pastor Matt Shulaw officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service at Wesleyan Church. A memorial service in Petoskey, MI, will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in Conrad's name to benefit the Salvation Army.

Arrangements have been placed in the care of McColley's Chapel of the Hills in Hot Springs.

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