



Mr. Benjamin Charles Pickering

April 4, 1944 - July 12, 2024

Mr. Benjamin Charles Pickering, 80, of 394 Race St., Charleston, SC, entered eternal rest on Friday, July 12, 2024. He retired from the US Army.

Mr. Pickering is, survived by his wife; Geraldine Yore Pickering; son, Benjamin C. Pickering II(Brittini); grandchildren: Bellami and Beaux Pickering; siblings: Geneva P. Weaver(Robert), Yvonne Pickering-Carter(Joseph), Olga P. Burke(Philip C.), William H. "Spudy" Pickering(Elaine); brothers and sisters- in law: Micheal Patrick Yore, Peter Yore, John Veal, Anna Maria Veal, and Carol Yore, Deborah Pickering and Marie Tye and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. His parents preceded him: Dr. L. Irving and Mrs. Ester Robinson Pickering; siblings: Irving L. Pickering, Robert P. Pickering Sr., and Theodora Pickering; aunt Olga Lipscomb; uncles: Theodore and Charles Pickering; father and mother-in-law, Patrick and Nora Yore.

Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, July 20, 2024

10:00 AM

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

134 St. Phillip St., Charleston, SC 29403

Public Viewing

Friday, July 19, 2024

3:00 - 6:00 PM

Rosary Service will follow at 6:00 PM

Smith-McNeal Funeral Chapel

2119 Dorchester Rd. - North Charleston

Final Commendation

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

12:00 noon

Fort Jackson National Cemetery - Columbia, SC

Cemetery Details

Fort Jackson National Cemetery

4170 Percival Road
Columbia, SC 29229-8307

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 19. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Charleston, SC 29403

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ben was my next door neighbor and the first person I met when I moved to Race St. He often sat on his front porch and I was always happy to get the chance to stop by and talk to him. He was a very kind man and I loved to hear his stories of his family and growing up. He will be greatly missed.*

Will Jordan - July 22, 2024 at 07:59 PM

PY

“ *Saw the lovely funeral mass from Ben's parish church St Patricks today here in UK. Beautiful words and Beautiful music. He would be very proud of the service and send off afforded him today . He's at last at peace after years of ill health which he always dealt with privately and in good humour. Lovely to see you all today especially our lovely Belle and Beaux and my sister Deanie hand in hand with Britni.*

*You did your Dad proud Benji.
God Bless Peter and Carol x*

Peter Yore - July 20, 2024 at 12:19 PM

AY

“ *In loving memory of Ben Pickering who has sadly passed and was a lifelong patron of St Patrick's Church. He has expressly wished for donations to this building fund to help the church flourish for future generations. We will be delighted to contribute to support his wish. He was a fantastic brother-in-law and uncle to his British / Irish family. With deepest respects Marie, Angela, Peter and Michael and all the Yore's. XX*

Angela Yore - July 20, 2024 at 05:54 AM

ML

“ We sincerely share our condolences for the transitioning of Ben Pickering. He was a compassionate and quiet gentleman. He will be missed by the Burke High School Foundation where he always eagerly gave and attended meetings. So long Ben..Mattese Lecque

Mattese T Lecque - July 19, 2024 at 04:15 PM

MW

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Pickering Family. Ben was a kind and gentle soul who will be missed.
Lifting the family up in prayers for peaceful comfort and support.
May Ben rest in God's peaceful arms.
Michael and Michele (Shelly) Watson

Michele English Watson - July 19, 2024 at 01:47 PM

TH

From Toby Hazel, Ben was smart, always friendly interacted with people on all levels. He's a testament of what the Pickering family produced, Just great damn People!!!!

Tobias Hazel - July 19, 2024 at 02:32 PM

OD

“ Prayers and condolences to the family.I met Ben at West Virginia State(University) and reconnected in later years.He was a loving,kind and genuine person.He lived life to the fullest and will be greatly missed.
Ouida Hopkins Davis

Ouida Davis - July 19, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Benjamin Charles Pickering.



July 18, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ A very special man whom I look up to as a father figure to me is gone I gave him the name Bin laden you will always have a special part in my heart until we meet again love you Lisa

Lisa Johnson - July 17, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ Lisa Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Benjamin Charles Pickering.

Lisa Johnson - July 17, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ Lisa Johnson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Benjamin Charles Pickering.



Lisa Johnson - July 17, 2024 at 05:48 PM

SB

“ Sam & LaRita Barber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Benjamin Charles Pickering.

Sam & LaRita Barber - July 16, 2024 at 02:27 PM

SB

“ Sam & LaRita Barber purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Benjamin Charles Pickering.



Sam & LaRita Barber - July 16, 2024 at 02:27 PM

CP

“ Farewell cousin Ben (we called each other cousins because one of his cousins married one of my cousins). We spent a lot of time together between West Virginia State and Tidewater Virginia. He has fought the good fight and reached his goal of 80 years. Rest in peace Ben.

Cousin Carl “Cosmo” Piggott

CARL W PIGGOTT - July 15, 2024 at 01:48 PM

MY

“ Ben was my Brother in law one of the first time I meet him was when he was stationed in Germany with the US Army
I went to visit Ben and Geraldine
At the time Geraldine was in the local Hospital not long before their son Ben Junior was due to be born
Anyhow I stayed with Ben in the US Army apartment it was the first time I had visited
Germany
I will never forget what a great time I had on the visit Ben showed me all around the town he took me to the local restaurants he drove me around the local countryside and took me to the German Beer festival
He was very kind and I had a great vacation
Mike Yore

Michael Yore - July 15, 2024 at 01:21 PM

MV

“ Ben was part of my life for 50 years. He was my Brother in law. In his younger years he liked a drink he liked a laugh and he liked to be out. He came over to England a few times he enjoyed it. He was fond of Pat n Nora. He was a character, had loads of friends and would have loads of stories to tell. When we visited him he would drive us round in the car and you couldn't go 100 yards but there was someone he knew, or someone he knew something about. He played down his illness a lot, and preferred to get on with living life. He loved his girls, Belle n Beaux and would sit on the porch with them having fun. Benji was the apple of his eye. He has been a Brilliant son and cared for him this last few weeks with love and care. Bye Ben Pickering they broke the mould when they made you there will never be another.

Love Marie.

Marie Veal - July 15, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JT

*Anyone that knew Ben will be extremely hard pressed to find a more genuine soul.
May the Almighty God welcome Ben into His presence. 🙏*
Travis

Jim Travis - July 15, 2024 at 02:14 PM

SH

*Ben was one of a kind. Always a smile on his face and a kind word to say. He was a truly beautiful person. He will be missed by his family and anyone who knew him.
Earth's loss is Heaven's gain.
Love, Scott & Sharon*

Sharon Van Horn - July 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM

EL

“ *Condolences to Ben's family & friends. Ben and I became friends at West Virginia State College (now University) primarily because he had a Caribbean or West Indian name like mine and spoke like me. I thought at first that he was from the West Indies Then found out he was from Charleston, SC. We saw each other at many WVSU Homecomings recently. He will be greatly missed. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.*

Eddie de Lagarde

Eddie de Lagarde - July 15, 2024 at 12:07 PM

TS

“ *Ben we the brothers and sisters will truly miss you. The brotherhood chain have broken again, but we accept and understand it's God will. Ben told me he was not worried about himself, but was much concern about the well care of his wife. We the members of the Bug House will surely miss you. I speak for the brothers and sisters of the Bug House members.*

Turk Smalls - July 14, 2024 at 05:09 PM

PG

“ Sincere condolences to Ben's family. He was a childhood friend of my husband and my friend since college days at West Virginia State University. Ben was loyal, kind and steadfastly devoted to his friends. He will forever remain in our hearts.

Patsy and Ronald ("Pike") Goodwin - July 13, 2024 at 11:11 AM

ML

“ We have lost a soldier on this battlefield of life. Rest well Ben, you have fought a good fight. You will be missed. Mattese and James E. Lecque

Mattese T Lecque - July 12, 2024 at 03:51 PM

PY

Ben was my brother in law. I visited Germany and the USA over many years to catch up with my Sister, Benji and Ben. He loved driving and no distance was an obstacle to him. Whether it was on an Autobahn or a Freeway. He shared his views on life and loved a good time. He settled back in Wadmalaw and latterly Charleston it seemed he knew everyone when we drove around and had conversations at traffic lights with people he knew. He stoically fought his ill health in latter years and always remained positive and cheerful. We visited in December and he insisted on taking us on one last trip around Charleston before we left for London. He found his Catholic faith which became important to him at the end. God Bless Ben.

Peter Yore - July 15, 2024 at 02:42 PM

AR

Sheilah and my heartfelt condolences to the Pickering family. Our parents were friends and we loved going to picnics in Wadmalaw. Sheilah, Wendell and I spent many happy times with Spuddy who is closet to our age, but, of course, we knew Ben who seemed much older to us growing up. Praying that God comforts the family and that Ben rests in Heaven. Love you Pickering family
Aileen Graham Robinson

Aileen Robinson - July 17, 2024 at 07:26 PM

JW

Ben and I also met at West Virginia State College and I always enjoyed him there with all of our friends. Always looked forward to seeing the guys from South Carolina at homecoming and will miss that in the future.

James "Bugs" Wilkerson

James Wilkerson - July 18, 2024 at 05:49 PM