



## Mr. Richard "Bo" Clifton Pickens

July 22, 1954 - April 4, 2021

Mr. Richard "Bo" Clifton Pickens, 66, of Peoria, IL transition to be with the Lord, Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 1:40 pm at UnityPoint Health Methodist Hospital.

Richard was born on July 22, 1954 in Peoria, IL to Lewis, Sr. and Mattie McClain-Greene. He married to Glenda Rasberry, who precede him in death. Richard affectionally known as "Bo" was well known around the city because of his huge extended family and his love for people. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. His children and grandchildren were very dear to his heart. He enjoyed spending time with his grandsons talking about their athletic careers and facts of life, while nurturing and being a great support for his granddaughter. Bo also enjoyed giving everyone a hard time. He called it "His way of making people happy."

When Bo was not spending time with his family, you could find him browsing the internet to find and purchase random things no one has ever heard of or playing Candy Crush. He also enjoyed watching Judge Judy, crazy videos on YouTube, or a classic movie he accidently found on the Firestick. We definitely can't forget about his all time favorite hobby, not playing chess, BUT BEATING EVERYONE AT CHESS. He coined himself "The Chesstizer!" Many left the chess board with their head hung low because he was just that good. He never wanted to mention the games he lost against his friend, Andy Pickett. Richard was a man of faith and loved God with all his heart. His greatest testimony was overcoming his drug addiction and giving his life to God.

Richard was clean and sober for 20 years. He was very open about his recovery and never failed to acknowledge God's hand over his life. Richard used his testimony to help other struggling with drug addiction and served as a group leader for a couple of drug programs in the Peoria area and the few years he lived in Minneapolis, MN.

Richard leaves to cherish his precious memories, his daughter, Clea (Marcus) White of Peoria, IL; two son, Courtland (Mary Jane) Pickens, Sr. of Golden Valley, MN and Cardell Pickens of Peoria, IL; one brother, Lewis (Patricia) Pickens, Jr. of Joliet, IL; six grandchildren, Quesha, Tre'Von, Mechai, Tristen, Courtland, Jr., and Zyara; two great-grandchildren, Shemar and Sebastian and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved him dearly. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, his wife, Glenda Pickens, his eldest son, Clifton Pickens, one brother, Melvin Greene, two sisters, Angela Phillips and Karen Hampton.

A private graveside service will be held at 11 am on Friday, April 16, 2021 at Historic Springdale Cemetery. Elder Garfield Gaines, Assistant Pastor of Love and Kindness Ministries C.O.G.I.C.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at Simons Mortuary.

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing will be observed.

To be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to

advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

# Cemetery Details

## Historic Springdale Cemetery

3014 N. Prospect Road  
Peoria, IL 61603

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Peoria, IL 61603

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard "Bo" Clifton Pickens*



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**Simons Mortuary** - April 16, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *Mr. Richard "Bo" Clifton Pickens*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Richard "Bo" Clifton Pickens*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Pray for family and friends in Jesus name sorry for your all loss rip in Jesus young man*

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**Dorotha williams** - April 17, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ Bo...I remember you me & Mattie sitting together in 2005 @ church...so very grateful for your love..one Sunday afternoon you drove me to your home & I met Glenda...who was healing and joyful with hospitality..Later my mom told me how beautiful she was and had treated her w love too..thankful for those memories that I'll cherish and never forget praying for your family always 🙏❤️

Marie Ann McClain - April 17, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ Juanita Hodge sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard "Bo" Clifton Pickens

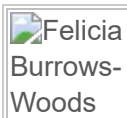


Juanita Hodge - April 16, 2021 at 03:39 PM



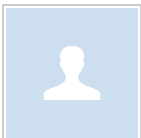
Sorry for the family loss, condolences to the family during this time of sorrow. prayers and sympathy to all.

Juanita Hodge - April 16, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ Condolences from the Burrows family 🙏🙏

Felicia Burrows-Woods - April 14, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Bo" Clifton Pickens.



April 14, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Cardell Pickens - April 14, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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Prayers for the entire family

Ruby Kimbell - April 14, 2021 at 11:23 AM

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The entire Evans family: Alfreida, Palmer jr, and Tammi

tammi evans - April 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM



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Cardell Pickens - April 14, 2021 at 10:04 AM



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Cardell Pickens - April 13, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Bo and I grew up as brother and sister. Even though I always knew his father was not really my biological father, I loved thinking of him as my big, little brother. The last time we talked, he fussed at me for not looking him up on my last visit to Peoria. I am so saddened to hear of his passing ☐. My prayers are with the entire family. I have many precious memories of Bo💕💕💕 Lenora Johnson-RickmonHarrison, Atlanta, Georgia*

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**LeeNora RickmonHarrison** - April 09, 2021 at 12:25 AM

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family...of a Brother that I met at Roosevelt Jr High, and we never forgot the fun times from that time and forward. He always had a smile and was a friend that you could count on. I am blessed to have known him.*

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**Mark E Lampkin** - April 07, 2021 at 02:04 AM