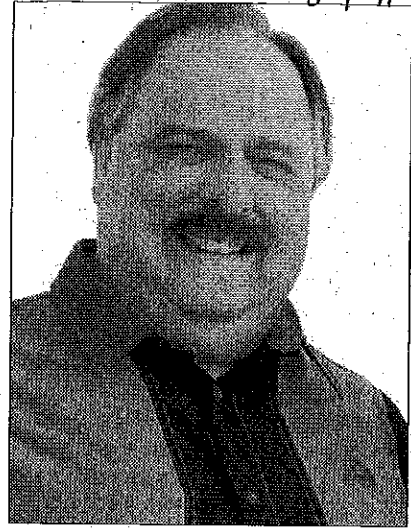


David H. Pickens CHR
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David H. Pickens, 65, of Lynnville, died on Thursday, July 28, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Kirsten Klepfer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell, officiating. A graveside service will be held at a later date at the East Lawn Cemetery in Minerva, Ohio.

The family will be present at the Smith Funeral Home one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or to PALS of Grinnell.

David was born on July 18, 1946, in Zelda, Ky., to Bernard and Rebecca Jane Woods Pickens. The family moved to Mount Ida, Ark., and later lived in Rittman, Ohio, and he graduated from Rittman High School in 1965. During the Vietnam Conflict he served with the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army. He worked with Babcock and Wilcox Company in Barberton, Ohio following his military service.

On Dec. 22, 1979, he married Susan Green in Westfield, Ohio, and the couple lived in Indianapolis, Ind., Medina, Ohio, and Monroe, and later settled near Lynnville. Prior to his retirement he was a regional manager for Source Investments.

David enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. He was an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Pickens of Lynnville; one son, David Pickens of Canal Fulton, Ohio; one daughter, Kendra Lytle of Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren; one brother, Jerry Pickens of Rittman, Ohio; and two sisters, Becky Grant of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and Alfretta Baugh of Hamilton, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Joe Pickens.