

*In Loving Memory  
of*

*Shelva Ann  
(Hanson)  
Pickett*

*Sunrise  
October 5, 1949*

*Sunset  
November 23, 2017*

*Service*

*Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.*

**MT. PILGRIM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

163 Autumn Street • Passaic, New Jersey

*Rev. Louis McDowell, Officiating*



## Obituary

**Shelva Ann (Hanson) Pickett**, born October 5, 1949 in Hackensack, NJ. Shelva was the joy of her parents Sidney and Violet Hanson's life.

Shelva excepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at Union Baptist Church in Passaic, NJ, under the leadership of Rev. T.H. Alexander.

Shelva attended Passaic Public Schools, and graduated with the Passaic High School class of 1967. She Furthered her education at Berkley Secretarial School in Clifton, NJ. Shelva met and married the love of her life, Andrew W. Pickett, Sr. in which God Blessed this union with three beautiful children, who remained devoted to their loving mother. Shelva also known to many as Shelly, Shelv, and Ma leaves a great lasting memory for her family and friends, who will miss her smiles, laughter and humble spirit.

Shelva's career included positions at several retail stores, including Popular Merchandise, Toys R Us, and K-mart in which she worked for over 20 years retiring in 2015.

One of Shelly's favorite hobbies included cooking and preparing her delicious soul food dishes, especially her homemade cheese cake. Shelva also enjoyed playing Bingo with friends and taking bus trips to casinos from NJ to Conn.

Shelva was proceeded in death by her parents, Sidney and Violet Hanson; her husband, Andrew W. Pickett Sr; her in-laws, Arthur and Lizzie Pickett; her nephew, Robert Holmes.

Shelva Leaves to treasure her precious memories (3) children, Alanna R. Pickett of Paterson, NJ., Andrew A. Pickett Ameyaw (Godwin) of New Brunswick, NJ and Andrew W. (Buddha) Pickett Jr. of Paterson, NJ; (5) grandchildren, Danielle D. Pickett, Dwayne E. Pickett (NuNu), Jamilyah J. Pickett, Deanna Cardona (NaNa) and Kelvin O. Ameyaw; (2) great grandchildren, Jamiel A. Pickett Jones and Jhia R. Pickett Jones; Loving Godmother, Christine Smith, sisters-in-law, Betty Pickett and Mary Holmes; Sweet loving niece, Michele Pickett Williams and her special birthday girl, Mary Ellen Jackson. Also, she leaves to cherish her memories a circle of sisterly love, Laverne Landrum Doggett, Anita Marshall, Diane Thomas, Virginia Gray, and Flora Shennett. Predeceased by her best friend Joanne, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

# Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Dr. Mark Exum

OPENING HYMN ..... “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”  
No. 248

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT (*Psalms 23*).....Minister Diane C. Scruggs

NEW TESTAMENT (*John 14:1-6*)

## PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION .....Deacon Jeffrey Holmes

## WORDS OF COMFORT

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

and OBITUARY ..... Ms. Virginia Pickett

SELECTION ..... Ms. Coretta Lawrence

EULOGY ..... Pastor W. Louis McDowell

RECESSIONAL .....The Family

### **Interment**

Cedar Lawn Cemetery  
Paterson, New Jersey

## *Loving You*

*Loving you is something we all enjoyed to do. Your beautiful smile, your everlasting bliss, your slow walk and gentle hug, kiss. Those are just a few things that we will all miss. You were like a breath of fresh air. Never once did you not care. In our hearts, we can't despair, because you will always be here. May your soul live on forever, because we will always be together. So, for now we will put you to rest, because for all of us, I know you would want the best. There's so much we all want, need and forgot to say. But, there's one thing for sure, we can't stand in God's way. So, as your family and friends, we must stay strong ... so you're precious name may carry on. We love you then, now and forever. In our hearts, minds and souls, we will always be together.*



### *Acknowledgements*

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