



## Edward G. Pickett

November 7, 1939 - March 5, 2013

Edward G. Pickett, 73, of Donora, died peacefully, listening to jazz music, on March 5, 2013. His loving wife, Terri, and three daughters were by his side. He was the editor and publisher of the Mon Valley Business Monthly. Ed was born in Baltimore, MD on Nov. 7, 1939, to the late Edward and Connie (Bennett) Pickett. He graduated from Howard County High School. His first job was working as a reporter for WBAL radio. At age 19, he traveled across Europe on \$100, while writing the *The Vagabound Diaries*. His adventures there included working as an extra in the film "Ben Hur." In 1959, he married Carole Ashbaugh and together they had three daughters. Ed worked as a reporter at the *Baltimore Sun* where he covered John F. Kennedy's funeral in 1963, among other stories. In the late 1960s, he and his wife fell in love with Vermont while on a ski vacation and moved there. He worked as the head of public relations for Mount Snow Ski Area before he began running his own newspaper, *The Snow Valley News*. Over the years, Ed owned a number of newspaper publications in New England including *The Mountain Times*, *The Valley News*, *The Fair Haven Gazette*, *The Poultney Journal*, *The Bangor Business Monthly*, *The Portland Business Monthly*, and many others. He also owned several radio stations in Maine, Vermont and South Carolina. In the late 1970s, he bought *Ski Racing* magazine and covered the skiing industry for many years, including the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. In the 1980s, he worked as a commentator for ESPN including covering the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo. Ed loved traveling and adventures. For his 40th

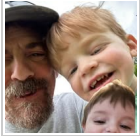
birthday he went skydiving. For his 50th, he rode his bike around Ireland's Ring of Kerry with one of his best friends. In his 60s and divorced, he met and fell in love with Terri (Calhoun) Georgulis. They were married for ten years and he was never happier than when he was with her. Together they traveled the world. At the time of his death, he was planning a trip to Maine to see his grandsons and getting ready to go on a cruise with Terri. In addition to his wife, Ed is survived by his daughters, Kimberly Lafond and her husband Michael, Sandra Pickett, and Tera Kennedy and her husband Eric; his stepchildren, Paul Georgulis and Anastasia Georgulis; his grandchildren, Benjamin Raub, Christopher Raub, Hunter Raub, Teddy Raub, Sean Kennedy and Evan Kennedy; his sister, Marti Schmidt-Gunter, two brothers, John Pickett and James Pickett, ex-wife Carole Ross, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and cherished friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Monongahela Valley Hospital in appreciation of their wonderful care and compassion. There will be no public visitation. Arrangements are entrusted to the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300 [www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ed and I got to know each other for our love of family history. He was a excellent researcher. Nice exploring our family with him.

Jon Rehmert - April 06, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ My father worked for this gentleman when I was young and I had the great pleasure when I was 14 years old of working for him at one of his radio stations WHWB, Edward Pickett was a brilliant man and very inspirational

Mark Williams - April 16, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ Sandie, My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Sandy Ezzo

March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Terri, I am so very sorry for the loss of Ed. He was always the sweetest when he would come into the hospital. Oh and the jeopardy questions that he'd always ask you. I know how much you loved him. I hope that God gives you comfort knowing Ed is in no more pain and in the arms of God now. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Raini Davis - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Terri and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Sincerest sympathy.

Denise Morgan - March 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were blessed to be with Terri in those last hours and witness her love and care. She made our Dad so very happy.-Kim, Sandra and Tera Pickett*

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