

## *The Pall Bearers*

Alfred Batts  
Ed Mitchell  
Carl Roberson

Greg Mitchell  
Rodrick Hamilton  
Marcus Adair

## *Honorary Pall Bearers*

Nephews

## *Our Sincerest Thanks...*

From the depths of our hearts, we cannot truly express how much love we feel today and in the days our sorrow. We have lost the love of our lives and could not have gotten this far without the many well wishes, prayers, floral arrangements, cards, phone calls, visits and expressions of sympathy. May God be with you always and forever, and again thank you for being with us in our time of loss.

## *Her Soul Shall Rest at...*

Houston Memorial Gardens  
Pearland, Texas

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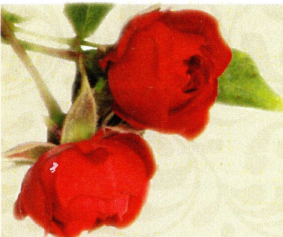
## *Remembering, Cherishing & Honoring A Beautiful Life*



# *Ruth Jones Picking*

*"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.  
So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."*

(Romans 13:12)



# Ruth's Story

*"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith."  
(2 Timothy 4:7)*

**Ruth Jones Picking** was born on a bright and beautiful day of March 2, 1926 in Calvert, Texas to the late Joe and Mattie Jones. As a young child, she devoted her life to Christ and was baptized.

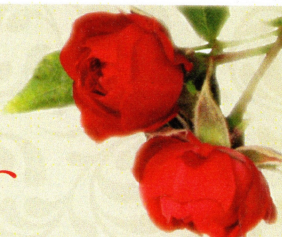
Ruth attended the local schools in Calvert, Texas. In the late 1950's she moved to Houston, Texas, where she met and married her late husband, Mr. McKinnley Picking.

God was first and foremost in Ruth's life. She would pray and thank God for all He's done in her life and in the life of others.

Ruth was blessed with thirteen children, and was a loving mother to each of them collectively and individually. She always provided a way, when a way seemed out of reach. Life with Ruth was simply rewarding. Her family was her gift from God and she always enjoyed their presence. She carried herself with dignity, honor, integrity, and most of all, respect. As a mother, she loved very hard and provided the best possible life she could for her children. As a grandmother, she spoke highly of her grandchildren and made known that they were all her pride and joy. As an aunt, cousin and friend, she was loved and cherished and always expressed unconditional love. So, although Ruth has departed this life, she is forever embedded in our hearts and souls forever and will be truly missed.

On Saturday, February 13, 2010, Ruth was called home to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her late husband, McKinnley Picking; seven children and six siblings.

She leaves a lifetime of beautiful memories with her children, Roy Jones (Helen) of Hearne, Texas, Delois Mergerson of Wichita Falls, Texas, Anthony Picking (Kewanya) of Houston, Texas, Walker Picking (Angie) of Austin, Texas, Olistena Williams and Richard Picking (Sandra), both of Houston, Texas; one brother, Rev. A. L. Jones of Conroe, Texas; one sister, Emma Scales of Wichita Falls, Texas; thirty-one (31) grandchildren, twenty-eight (28) great grandchildren, six (6) great-great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

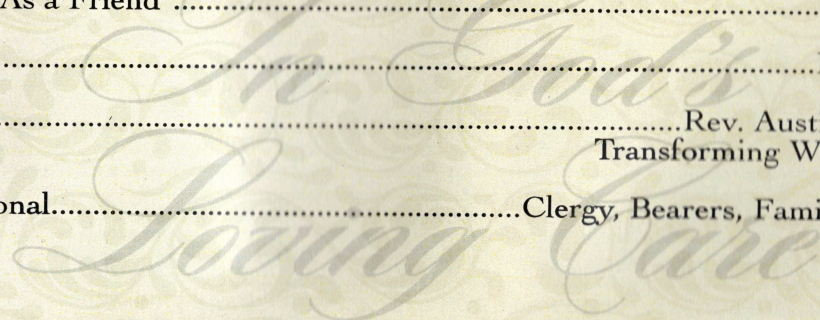


# Celebration of Life

Saturday, the 20th day of February, 2010  
One O'clock in the Afternoon

**Johnson Funeral Home Chapel**  
5730 Calhoun Rd. • Houston, Texas 77021  
**Rev. Austin Richmond, Eulogist/Officiant**

- Prelude.....(Soft Music)
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Song.....Hymn
- Pulpit.....Rev. Leodia Jones
- Scriptures Readings.....Appointee
  - Old Testament
  - New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort.....Appointee
- Resolution
- Solo.....Carolyn Rosemond
- Expressions/Tributes: (Two Minutes Please)
  - "As a Family Member".....Bobbie Texas
  - "As a Friend".....Willie Tisdal
- Song.....Ray Jackson
- Eulogy.....Rev. Austin Richmond  
Transforming Word Ministry
- Recessional.....Clergy, Bearers, Family & Friends





*A Life of Love  
& Memories*

**"Give her the fruits of her hands; and let her own works praise her at the gates." (Proverbs 31:31)**

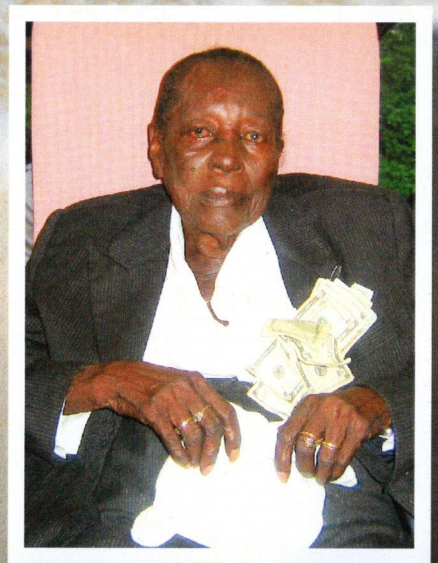
# *To Our Loving Mother*



We still think of your smile and how you'd laugh at everything.  
We loved the time you made just for us, individually.  
We will never say goodbye to you Our Mother, because we know  
this is not the end for us to see each other. You will only be  
going to a place where there's no pain nor suffering.  
We remember how your hugs gave us so much strength.  
You were always there to listen, love and defended us in everything.  
In our triumphs, you were always proud.  
We very grateful to call you Our Mother and deep in our  
hearts is where you will always be forever.  
We would give up everything just to hug you one more time.  
We know you're in a better place, so we're  
counting the days for when we will see your face again.

***Your Loving Children***

# *Message of Farewell*



Weep not my family and friends,  
Trials and tribulations are for me no more;  
A loving God has provided an escape for me  
And like wings of eagles, I now shall soar.  
I have kept the faith, I have fought a good fight  
The promised crown of life now lies in my sight.  
I thank God for all the time He has allowed me here;  
And the love all of you have shown,  
But now I rest in the presence of God  
With other family and friends I have known.  
To you my children, keep the faith,  
And be all the Lord desires you to be;  
It's so kind of you to let me go,  
For my new home is waiting for me.  
To my other family members,  
So loving and devoted you have been;  
Keep preaching the Gospel and telling of God,  
It is so needed in this ole world full of sin.  
Again to you my children and family  
Remain faithful for a new day is dawning;  
Then we shall meet, but for now I say,  
"Goodnight and I'll meet you in the morning."