

## George Raymond Pickel

George Raymond Pickel died on March 5, 2009 of natural causes.



He was born in Bowesville on Dec. 9, 1929 to Raymond and Jessie (Sims) Pickel. He grew up in Xenia where he was very involved in sports, particularly football. He entered the army during the Korean War and was a Master Sergeant stationed in Korea. He led a platoon of men who scouted the hills for enemy troops. While parachuting into enemy territory he was wounded by gunfire. He worked selling food at various fairs and festivals before retiring to Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Elizabeth Pickel and Bessie Pickel Dye. He is survived by his wife Betty Streete Kline, his sister Margaret Baker of Xenia, his son and his wife John and Lisa Robison of Maryville, Tenn., his grandchildren and nephew Vernon Rogers of Xenia. Service at the convenience of the family.