

Obituaries & Guestbooks

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WILLIAM P. PICKETT

Obituary:

William P. Pickett, 82, of Bloomfield, passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at home surrounded by his loving family

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the O'Boyle Funeral Home, 309 Broad St. Bloomfield on Monday at 9 AM. The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Bloomfield at 10 AM. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Visitation will be held Sunday 2 - 6 PM.

Born in Passaic, William lived in Bloomfield for the last 35 years. He entered into the Society of Jesus in 1949 and was ordained at Fordham University before serving as a Jesuit in the New York Province for many years. William also taught at **St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City where he co-founded the Higher Achievement Program in 1963. After St. Peters, he taught English as a Second Language for many years in the Passaic Public School System and was the Author of 8 English as a Second Language Textbooks.**

William was the husband of Dorothy Hogan Pickett for 35 years; father of Edward M. Pickett of Jersey City; brother of the late John Pickett, Mary Jane Thompson, Raymond Pickett and Rev. Edward Pickett S.J. For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, donations to Higher Achievement Scholarship Fund of Saint Peters Prep would be appreciated The family would like to extend a special thanks to Comfort Keeper of Secaucus, especially Arlene, Carmen and Cynthia. - Thank You. Please express condolences at www.oboylefuneralhome.com O'BOYLE FUNERAL HOME 309 BROAD STREET BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003 (973) 748-1246.



"Like Father, Like Son"

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Well, not always.

However, if your last name is Pickett, then it follows that son will be like father, a coach.

Ray Pickett, Passaic High School athletic director, coached some mighty fine football teams at the Hilltop from 1921 through 1947. He also handled the baseball team and occasionally filled in as boss man of the basketball squad. However, the latter happened only whenever Amasa A. Marks or Rube Bramson, former basketball coaches were ill.

Now one of Ray's sons, Mr. William Pickett, S. J. is basketball coach of the undefeated St. Peter's Prep team of Jersey City. Young Pickett's club has tied the school's freshman record by winning 10 straight games as a first year coach.

What's more remarkable about Pickett's progress is that the only basketball he played was as a grammar school student at St. Nicholas in 1945. But he had a little touch then, too, as St. Nick's won the grammar school crown. His coach, says young Pickett, was Ray Roach, popular basketball official of the time.

St. Peter's defeated a strong Ferris High School team last night.

Two area boys are on the St. Peter's squad. Stu McGregor, of Wood-Ridge, is one of the starters while Ed Kosnik, of Clifton sees his share of action as a substitute.

Yes, like father, like son is the case of Ray and Bill Pickett. However, Ray's other son, Eddie, is in the seminary at Woodstock, Md., and will be ordained a priest in a year. He's staying away from the sport as coach . . . but he'll be "coaching" folks in religion.

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