



## Joyce P. Holland

May 13, 2014

Joyce Ruth Pickett Holland, died on May 13, 2014 from Alzheimer's. A native of Portsmouth, VA, she was the daughter of the late Mildred Galbraith Pickett and Ronald Drew Pickett, Sr. Joyce was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School where she was a majorette for 4 years and played an initial part in past Alumni class reunions. She started her dance career at the age of 4 with Mildred Duncan Boyd; she sang and danced with Joe Brown's Radio Gang and the YMCA where she entertained our troops and performed in many shows and minstrels around the greater Hampton Roads area. As an adult, she owned and operated dancing schools in Portsmouth and Chesapeake, where she shared her love of dance with numerous generations. She was a long time member of the Beta Lambda Sorority and a member of Freemason Street Baptist Church in Norfolk.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Warren Linwood Holland Sr., son; Warren Holland Jr., both of Norfolk, a daughter; Teri Eddleman and husband Rick Eddleman of Virginia Beach, two granddaughters; Cara Rickell Eddleman Holland and husband Matt L. Holland of Harrisburg, NC, and Brielle Eddleman Ashley and husband Mark B. Ashley of Virginia Beach; six great grandchildren, McKenna, Kellyn, Rylan Holland, Braedon, Vann and Lila Kai Ashley; nieces, Sandy Gawinski, and Laura Thresher, the daughters of deceased brother, Ronald D Pickett, Jr., who lived with her after their father's death. There are also many in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Joyce's life will be held on May 24, 2014, at 2 pm with Pastor

Steve Jolly officiating in Freemason Street Baptist Church in Norfolk, VA.  
Friends may join the family immediately following the service in the reception hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Freemason Street Baptist Church  
400 East Freemason Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510