



## Theo Rita Pickard

February 23, 1928 - October 15, 2021

Theo Rita Braxton Pickard, 93, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on October 15, 2021, peacefully in her home, surrounded by her family. She was born on February 23, 1928, in Graham, North Carolina to the late Everette Ashburn and Nonie Lewis Braxton. She moved to Charlotte with her husband, Clarence in 1957. They raised their three children there until 1975, when they moved to their home on Lake Norman. Theo had a passion for music, and after attending Westminster Conservatory of Music in Princeton, New Jersey, she went on to be a beloved choir director and soloist. In her later years, she helped start the Senior Adult Choir at First Baptist Church, Mooresville, which she directed for 25 years. She loved First Baptist Church and was proud that all her children came back to raise their families there. She was a tremendous woman of faith and was happiest when she was with her family. Most Sundays after church, she could be found cooking with love for her family. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Clarence Earl Pickard Sr. Theo is survived by her three children, Rita Snider, Clair Jo Brannon (Gene), and Rock Pickard (Kathi) and 9 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 1:00 to

2:30 pm in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Services will follow at 3:00 pm with Rev. Dr. Jerry Cloninger Jr., Rev. Eddie Hicks, and Chaplain Stephen Vance officiating.

Memorials can be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347

Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625 and/or the music ministry at First Baptist Church Mooresville, 150 South Church Street, Mooresville, NC 28115. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Pickard family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **22**. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church-Mooresville  
150 S. Church Street  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Oh my goodness! I just saw this obituary, and it broke my heart! Our family went to church with the Clarence, Theo and their children back in the early 60's and my brother and sister and I would hang out with Rita, Clair and Rock at their house on Sunday afternoons. Theo would always fill in for my daddy as choir director when we were out of town, and she was so very talented. Such a gentle, sweet soul, and we loved this family so much! Please know that we will be in prayer for the family, and send our deepest love and sympathy!

*Debbie Phillips Wyatt*

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**Debbie Phillips Wyatt** - December 14, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to marry into the amazing Braxton family. Each September, they would have a Braxton reunion at the church in Snow Camp. My husband, John, and I would take our 3 children to these reunions. We always loved going to "the country". Theo and her sisters and my father-in-law, Vernon, and others would sing beautiful old church songs. The walls of the church or family rooms would resound with their wonderful harmonies and talents. I grew to cherish the time spent at the reunions and the wonderful families that filled the church. Theo was a special lady!! I know you will be comforted by you faith, family and memories.

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**Lily Braxton** - October 22, 2021 at 09:46 AM

CM

“ Cynthia McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Theo Rita Pickard



Cynthia McLaurin - October 21, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theo Rita Pickard.



October 21, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Theo Rita Pickard.



October 20, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theo Rita Pickard.



October 20, 2021 at 08:46 AM

SH

“ Dearest Rita, Clair, Rock and Family,

*Your mother was such a sweet, lovely lady, always gracious and elegant! Prayers for peace and comfort to each of you! May God bless you all*

*With Love,  
Sharon Wilson*

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**Sharon** - October 18, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theo Rita Pickard.



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October 18, 2021 at 02:57 PM

JC

“ To the Pickard Family:

*So sorry to hear about the passing of Theo. She was an amazing woman. She will be missed! You all are in our thoughts and prayers! God Bless! Jennifer and Allan Eakle*

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**Jennifer Eakle Cook** - October 17, 2021 at 09:12 AM

JM

“ Rita, so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Our Prayers are with you and your family at this time. Johnny and Roxie Mauney

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**Johnny Mauney** - October 16, 2021 at 06:47 PM

DC

“ *claire,rock,rita and family,so sorry to hear of theos passing.i always enjoyed talking with her.such a nice frendly lady always.she will be missed by all who knew her.thinking of you.dave cook*

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**dave cook** - October 16, 2021 at 12:16 AM

AR

*Dear Rita,*

*Marty and I are saddened to learn of your lovely mother's passing.*

*Theo was delightful to talk with, especially at Girls' Night Out over a meal when we would catch up with all the news in our community.*

*Your mother was soft spoken and always elegant with a fun sense of humor that I enjoyed.*

*Theo was also what I'd always imagined would be the epitome of a classic southern lady.*

*We are so very sorry for your profound loss,*

*Anu and Marty*

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**Anu Roots** - October 16, 2021 at 07:08 AM

DB

*Dear Rita, Clair and Rock.*

*I have very fond memories of both your Mom and Dad. They were such a handsome couple and in my mind always displayed such class.*

*I'm sure there were many evenings that they must have wondered if I had a home of my own!!*

*But they were always so very gracious to me and I was so appreciative of that. I wish that there had been an opportunity to tell them just what it meant to me.*

*I will be praying for and thinking of you all.*

*Love you,*

*Lumpy*

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**Don Boyles** - October 16, 2021 at 05:37 PM

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*to the FAMILY OF THEO SORRY TO HEAR OF HER PASSING, WE ALWAYS ENJOYED HER SMILE AND LOVING LAUGHTER AS WE LEFT CHURCH.*

*ROY AUDRY HARRIS*

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**AUDRY HARRIS** - October 16, 2021 at 06:38 PM

BC

*Rita & family,*

*So sorry for your loss of your mom. My heart breaks for you honey.*

*She was a beautiful lady! Thoughts and prayers for y'all. Gary & Brenda Childers*

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**Brenda Childers** - October 17, 2021 at 10:06 PM

DS

*Rita, Clair Jo, Rock and other family, Were're so sorry for your loss. She was such a special person and blessed our Church so much. Thoughts and prayers your way. Frank, Patsy Meadows and family.*

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**Debbie Sherrill** - October 19, 2021 at 12:24 PM