



Jim Pitchford

June 17, 2013

Mr. James (Jim) Norman Pitchford, 70, and Mrs. Jane King Pitchford, 69, both of Wynne, passed away Monday, June 17, 2013, in Earle, Arkansas.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Norman and Nelmeherea Douglas Pitchford. Jane was preceded in death by her father, James Howard King. Mr. and Mrs. Pitchford were formerly employed as educators in the Wynne Public School system. They were members of Wynne Baptist Church. They are survived by their son, Douglas Norman Pitchford of Crawfordsville. Mrs. Pitchford is also survived by her Mother, Mary Uvee King of Earle and brother, Jimmy King, Jr. of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Visitation will be Friday, June 21, 2013, at Wynne Baptist Church from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2013, at Wynne Baptist Church with burial to follow in Crittenden Memorial Park, Marion. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Wynne Baptist Church or a Christian charity of their choice.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ We are so sorry for your loss.
Doug you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Your parents will be greatly missed.

Sandy, Johanna and Steven Holland - July 29, 2013 at 03:16 PM

JC

“ Mr. Pitchford was my 1st grade bus driver. He ran the old Ford #15 bus on the Hwy 64 west route. That was fall of 1968. He must've only been 25, but was mature & wise already. I remember so well his kindness, fairness and good heartedness. He knew your name, your parents and most everything about you. Because he cared. He made a difference in our lives. God bless Jim & Jane Pitchford.

Jeff Clayton - July 15, 2013 at 06:45 PM

SH

“ I was just devastated when I heard this sad news~~ Just loved Mr Pitchford and Im sure if I had known Mrs Pitchford as well as I knew Jim, I would have loved her also, Lovely Lady. I will miss seeing them out together and praying for this family!! May God wrap His loving arms around you and give you the peace you will need to get through this time and later when everything gets quiet and you need Him to lean on....

Sandra Hall - June 24, 2013 at 10:43 PM

WS

“ He was my teacher many, many years ago. I have many happy memories of his classroom.
william

William Sting - June 22, 2013 at 10:36 PM

KL

“ *Mr. Pitchford was a great man and good principal to me when i had him in middle school. He gone but not forgotten from my family and friends.. Class of 2009 we will miss him dearly...*

Kathy Lawrence(Wingfield) - June 22, 2013 at 03:43 PM

MC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss .I am praying for your family*

Melvin Thomas Climer - June 22, 2013 at 01:30 PM

CL

“ *this is from the lawrence famliy wesley ,cynthia ,beverly, and kathy lawrence wingfield sorry for your loss and our prays are with you as you go thru this.*

cynthia lawrence - June 22, 2013 at 01:01 PM

SF

“ *Doug & relatives, I wanted to offer our family's heartftelt condolences on the loss of your parents. Your dad was the epitomy of a Christian gentleman and loved by many generations of school children. My sister, Sharon, taught under him and thought the world of him as a principal and as just a wonderful person. Grace and peace to you and I hope you can take comfort knowing that he was one of the most highly regarded individuals in our entire community and we share your loss.*

*Sincerely, Greg & Alisa, Tal & Cole Spence Mrs. T. O. (Mar-Jo)
Spence Sharon Spence Langley Van Spence*

Spence Family - June 21, 2013 at 08:45 PM

EG

“ I got to know Jim and Jane when they came to Wynne I was employed transportation dept and in maintenance dept. My son was the intermediate school when Jim was principal there were fine people and they will be greatly missed by the public and their church family. I will be praying for the family and Jesus will keep His arms around you and comfort you Sincerely Eldred and Gale Grant

Eldred Grant - June 21, 2013 at 05:45 PM

MC

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of Jimmy. I grew up with Jim in Hartford and looked up to him and my cousin Jim Grigsby as the "older" guys in school and in town. His Mom and Dad were great people and he was just like them, good hearted and down to earth. We know he's in a better place and we need to recognize that through our grief at his loss. May God bless you all.

Mike Couch - June 21, 2013 at 03:52 PM

MB

“ So very sorry to hear about Mr. and Mrs. Pitchford. May God bless and comfort you in your sorrow. Hugs....

Marion Ellis Busby - June 21, 2013 at 01:57 PM

JJ

“ *Jim Pitchford*

Jim Jordan - June 21, 2013 at 09:28 AM

JO

“ As my principal, I'll always remember him as a stern but very nice, kind, & understanding man. My thoughts & prayers to the family of these two wonderful people who touch many peoples lives, & will never be forgotten!

Jimmy & Paula Walls O'Dell - June 21, 2013 at 12:19 AM

DC

“ i am very sorry for your lost i reamber him in school i was in his office often

donna colburn - June 20, 2013 at 10:29 PM

SJ

“ It does sadden the soul of the loss of Mr. & Mrs. Pitchford. It is a comfort to know we have the opportunity to meet our loved ones in a greater place. To my classmate Doug, you are in my prayers. Mr. Pitchford invested in me as a principal and my first teaching career. He truly was an example of caring for others. - Schunda

Schunda Jones-Murphy - June 20, 2013 at 09:44 PM

RL

“ I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the family. I will keep you in my prayers.

Ricky Lopp - June 20, 2013 at 09:04 PM

SK

“ I give my condolences to the family and I pray that God gives you all the peace and strength during this hard time.
Sincerely, Sheila Willard Kennedy

Sheila "Willard" Kennedy - June 20, 2013 at 08:36 PM

SD

“ I am going to miss you Mr. and Mrs. Pitchford. You were the best principle ever and you will be missed by all who were around you. My The Lord touch your family in this time of great loss.

Samantha Davidson - June 20, 2013 at 07:09 PM

AB

“ MR. and Mrs. Pitchford will be dearly missed they were both sweet and warm people. Always easy going and easy to talk with I remember my years in elementary school and both had a big impact on my life. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult and tragic time. May God give you all Peace, strength, and comfort.

Ashlie (miller) Billingsley - June 20, 2013 at 05:02 PM

ML

“ May God bless and comfort you all during this time. They were wonderful Godly people.

Marie Lucas - June 20, 2013 at 04:08 PM

SB

“ Doug, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom and Dad. They were the sweetest people in the world and they will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Stanley & Kathleen Bennett - June 20, 2013 at 01:02 PM

RJ

“ My deepest sympathies to the Pitchford family during this too sudden loss. Mr. Pitchford was an amazing leader and respected educator, and I will always remember his generous spirit as he walked the halls of the school and greeted young people. A very good man indeed.

Rick Dildine, Jr. - June 20, 2013 at 12:49 PM

SE

“ *Mr. Pitchford was such a kind man...and his wife was so sweet. What a wonderful principal he was also. Prayers for the remaining family. A sad loss for the city of Wynne.*

Susie Elms - June 20, 2013 at 12:36 PM

KR

“ *Mr Pitchford was my 5th grade teacher. He was always so kind. He and his wife will truly be missed in our community. Prayers for their son in this tragic time.*

Kaye Ramsey - June 20, 2013 at 11:50 AM

BD

“ *Our love and prayers for this wonderful family ! They will be greatly missed by this community ??*

Bill and LuAnne Dugan - June 20, 2013 at 11:43 AM

BM

“ *Dear Doug and all the family, Our deepest sympathy on your loss. We pray for God to give you the peace, comfort and understanding in the days ahead. Our hearts were so sad to hear of the news. In Christian love and prayers.*

Billy and Joyce McGuire - June 20, 2013 at 11:31 AM

TM

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. Pitchford as my leader; his legacy for excellence will live on!*

Terri Martinez - June 20, 2013 at 10:52 AM

SE

“ *Mr. Pitchford served as an outstanding principal to the students in Wynne. He made a great impact on the lives of his students and faculty members. I remember Mrs. Pitchford as being a beautiful and caring educator. They were both a blessing to the Wynne community.*

Sandra Riley Eddleman - June 20, 2013 at 10:47 AM

GR

“ *Wonderful couple. They will be missed. Loved working with them at Wynne Public School. Always so kind and helpful to me. God bless the family.*

George & Lennie Riley - June 20, 2013 at 10:44 AM

VH

“ *So sorry for the loss of such great people. My condolences to the Family and friends. May God bless you.*

Vickie Hogland Hall - June 20, 2013 at 10:34 AM

SB

“ *It is a sad day to have lost two such beautiful people, but God has gained two precious angels. I knew Jane from Earle, and as I tell everyone, she was and still is, as beautiful on the inside as on the outside. Mr. Pitchford was a special man and a friend to all, they will be missed greatly. Prayers to the family.*

Shirley Randolph Barron - June 20, 2013 at 09:41 AM

LJ

“ *Please accept my sincer condolences on your tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Lisa Johnson - June 20, 2013 at 09:23 AM

MM

“ Words can't express how sorry I am for your loss, Doug. Your parents were so special to me - and also to so many others. We were all so blessed to have your dad as our principal, and he impacted our lives greatly. What an example of a humble, Godly leader. What a legacy your parents have left behind. Just this morning, I came across a passage about the hope of heaven and how this earth is not the end. It was a comfort to me, and I hope it can bring comfort to you to be reminded that there is so much more than this life that we know. Your parents' faith has become sight. Amazing to think about. We are praying for you and your family. My family and I are here to help in any way we can.

Mary Claire Maier - June 20, 2013 at 09:08 AM

CB

“ What a sad day when I heard that my first boss principal and his wife went to heaven on the same day. I don't know of a better boss, better Christian example as Jim and Jane Pitchford. May the people close them find comfort in knowing that God has work for them in another place. Treasure the memories, Respect your time to grieve and know that they were loved by many people.

Caroline Mason Bryant - June 19, 2013 at 10:49 PM

JG

“ Doug, My earliest memory of Jim was in 1944 when our families shared a duplex in San Pedro, CA. Later, in our Hartford years, our families were bound together by a shared love and a shared faith. Jim was the best man at my wedding as I was at his. There were few evenings in those early years that we weren't at the Grigsby home or the Pitchford's. Jim was like a brother to my sister, Maneen, and me. Though we took different paths following our Hartford years, your dad was always a presence in my life. Understandably, we all have a tendency to remember only the good things at a time like this; but, as I am sure you know, with Jim, it was all good. I am sorry to say that I will be unable to attend the service Saturday but hopefully, later, we will meet and share some wonderful memories. Mickey, my wife, and I will be in prayer for you. I was about your age when I lost a loving father. I know how difficult this will be for you but we both know, it's not the end. He will always be a part of you, and you may be surprised how he will show up at those times when you will need him most. It has been true for me....Our love, Jim & Mickey

Jim Grigsby - June 19, 2013 at 10:17 PM

BM

“ Your Parents were very special people!. As an educator I knew your dad as a principal and your Mom as a kindergarten teacher in the late 70"s. Her room was across the hall from mine. She was always totally consumed with the well being of every child in her room. Heaven is blessed to have them!

Bob & Markey May - June 19, 2013 at 10:17 PM

MH

“ Jim Pitchford was one of the first principles I had when coming to teach music at Wynne Elementary Schools. He was a wonderful, kind man and was loved by everyone he touched. My prayers and sympathies go to the Pitchford family on their tragic loss.

Mary Ann Brown Heath - June 19, 2013 at 09:57 PM

BB

“ Doug, I am so very sorry. Your parents were such wonderful people. I still remember my family being at your house and us playing together before we even started school. I pray that you will find comfort in knowing that they are together and that you will see them again.

Beth (Jones) Barnes - June 19, 2013 at 09:55 PM

VF

“ Dear Sweet Doug, I am so so sorry to hear about your mom and dad. They were both very precious to me. My love and prayers are with you and your family. Vicki

Vicki Slaughter Fowler - June 19, 2013 at 09:30 PM

JS

“ We have learned of your tragedy through our member, Beth. Our members have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. In the words of Chief Seattle: "There is no death, only a change of place." Mr. and Mrs. Pitchford will be with you always. Walk in Peace and Harmony. From Etsy's Native American Forum Team

Joni Stinson - June 19, 2013 at 08:05 PM

MR

“ Doug, I am Jim Grigsby's sister, and your Dad was my "other" brother. We grew up together in Hartford together. Your dad's parents, Jesse and Rea, were my mother and father's best friends. I have so many memories, I can't even begin to tell you what they mean to me, and what he meant to both my brother, Jim, and myself. He was and will always be one of the most special people in my life. I know they are dancing in Heaven....and I know I will see them all there again. My prayers are so much with you, Doug. They were so proud of you. God bless you and give you comfort during this difficult time.

Maneen Grigsby Riley - June 19, 2013 at 07:35 PM

SO

“ We are so sorry to hear of your parent's passing. While we did not know Jim well, we had the pleasure of visiting with him when he came for the Hartford High School reunion last month. Your Pitchford grandparents and my Mother & Dad were great friends.

Stan & Sue Orr - June 19, 2013 at 06:15 PM

JM

“ Doug, I taught many years with your father as my principal. He was a wonderful principal and a dear friend. Your sweet mother was one of the first people I met, when I moved to Wynne. I also enjoyed my years of teaching with her at the Primary School. I will be thinking of you and your family.

Jodi Melhorn - June 19, 2013 at 05:57 PM

MC

“ So sorry for the loss of Mr and Mrs Pitchford. I will always remember him walking through the halls of the Intermediate School. He made us all feel safe and cared for in our school days. Such a Great and caring couple. RIP

Melanie Davis Carter - June 19, 2013 at 04:35 PM

WC

“ Marilyn and I are so praying for the Families of Jim and Jane Pitchford. We are so sorry for the loss of two of the sweetest and God loving people we have ever known. May God comfort you all with his grace.

Walt & Marilyn Cullum - June 19, 2013 at 10:07 AM

AL

“ I was devastated when I heard the news. I had not seen Mr. Pitchford in years but I can still vision him in the halls of Wynne Intermediate greeting everyone. He was such a nice person. May he and Mrs. Pitchford rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Angie Goodwin Lewallen - June 19, 2013 at 10:01 AM

AS

“ So sorry to hear of the sudden loss of Jim and Jane. What a great man he was!
Growing up across the street from Jim's parents is one of my fondest childhood memories. What wonderful people they were. Didn't get to see Jim much, but every time that I did, there was always that wonderful smile and him reminding me how much his parents loved me.
He will be greatly missed!
God Bless

Alisia (Pitchford) Scallions - June 18, 2013 at 09:59 PM

TP

“ Words can not express the sorrow felt for the loss of a beloved principal and man. I pray that God's comfort is felt by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Pitchford. Rest in love

Tonya Pittts - June 18, 2013 at 03:42 PM

RP

“ It is with my utmost sympathy that I express my true sadness at the passing of Mr. Pitchford. He was a larger than life man when I was a mear Intermediate student at Wynne Intermediate School. He has always stood out in my mind as a kind, compassionate, and caring man that always met us in the halls and in the office with a smile. I am truly sorry for the loss of such as wonderful man. May the Lord Jesus Christ cover your family with peace beyond measure at this time.

Rhonda D. Pierce - June 18, 2013 at 11:20 AM

EE

“ They were some of the best people I've ever known. They will be missed.BQC8

Eric Eiler - June 18, 2013 at 10:59 AM

PS

“ I'm saddened to hear of Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Jane Pitchford's unexpected passing.

This is terribly sad news for those of us who loved the Pitchford's because they were such pillars of the Wynne community, but I find it an amazing sign of God's grace that two people who were known as such a lovely couple were able to pass on to heaven together.

Mr. Pitchford and his wife were always so nice to everyone they knew, and they were especially supportive of me and my entire family (2 brothers, mother, and father). My mother was always telling me that Mr. Pitchford asked about me whenever she saw him somewhere, and I cannot think of my days at Wynne Intermediate School without thinking of tall and slim Mr. Pitchford as the principal with that big smile and him telling me that Chenell Tucker, Tiffany Tucker Campbell, and I were going to be "great basketball players one day". We did all three play together, and Mr. Pitchford was in attendance of nearly every home game. He would often see me after the game and tell me "Good job! Remember when I used to say that you three would play together?"

Mr. Pitchford would be proud to know that I still remember the Wynne Intermediate School song, so in his honor, I'll post it today. "Wynne Intermediate; That is where we like to be; Students teachers working side by side; All together we can reach the sky Wynne Intermediate; That is where we like to be!"

Princella Smith - June 18, 2013 at 10:23 AM

SH

“ *Such a great man. May you and Jane rest in God's everlasting love. Mr. Pitchford, my boss of 18 years and before that, my Elementary Principal, was one respected and admired man. All my thoughts and prayers to your family. Samantha*

Samantha Hess - June 17, 2013 at 09:55 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful educator and person. He will be missed

Jeannine brawner - June 17, 2013 at 08:59 PM

RW

“ Today We have lost two of the finest people We have ever known, I cant express the way I feel right now. Jim and Jane Pitchford have been so good to Me and My family over the years that It,s hard to explain. Heaven has just received two fantastic people and the both will be missed dearly by everyone.

Randy & Viola Williams - June 17, 2013 at 08:17 PM

HE

“ Hearing this news today just broke my heart. Mr. Pitchford made such an impact on me as a child and even though I hadnt seen him in many years I have never forgotten what a wonderful, caring, and kind man he was. I hope you all can find some peace and solace in knowing that Jim and Jane were so loved by so many.

Heather Cullum England - June 17, 2013 at 07:54 PM