



Bettie J. Pitchford

September 3, 1944 - September 8, 2020

PITCHFORD, Mrs. Bettie J. age 76 passed away Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Canterbury on the Lake in Waterford Township, MI. Funeral Service 11:00 AM Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St. Friends and family will assemble at the funeral home 11:00 AM Wednesday. Mrs. Pitchford will lie in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St. and may be viewed from 12:00-6:00PM Tuesday.

Mrs. Pitchford leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, George T. Pitchford; children, Veronda J. Pitchford and George K. (Rhonda M.) Pitchford; grandchildren, Avery G. Pitchford and George P. Pitchford; aunt, Helen Ashe; special cousin, Gloria Outland; Goddaughter, Kimberly S. Hampton; and a host of other relatives and friends.

After receiving her Bachelor's degree in business from Elizabeth City State University, Bettie began her career as a high school business teacher in Maryland before moving to Pontiac. She didn't spend very long teaching business in Pontiac schools before finding her true calling after obtaining a special education teaching certification. Bettie spent many years teaching in special education where she delighted in mentoring and working with students beyond the normal working hours. After reluctantly being promoted out of the classroom, she settled comfortably into administrative special education work.

She retired from the Pontiac schools as Director of Special Education. Many in the community will remember her for the countless projects and hobbies she took on always wanting to involve friends and colleagues. Bettie was ever so proud to have been one of the charter members of the Pontiac Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She Attended Detroit Unity Temple Church where she served as a greeter, the ever present house manager for Detroit Unity Theater, volunteered for Kwanzaa and also served as chairperson for Circulation Day where free clothes were distributed to the needy. Bettie derived great joy in taking on new hobbies such as quilting, calligraphy, walking in marathons and being “Bappy”, a clown character she created and performed at events for small children. Due to COVID 19, Attendance for the Funeral Service is Limited to Invitees Only. When pandemic conditions are no longer with us, a more formal Memorial Celebrating the life of Bettie Jean Pitchford will be held.

Mrs. Pitchford was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Spruill.

At Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, we value the safety and health of our customers, staff and the general public. Therefore, we will adhere to EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2020-11 issued by our Governor Gretchen Whitmer, regarding assemblages in the wake of the unprecedented health challenge our state and nation is facing. The Executive Order is as follows: Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following: 1. Beginning on April 10, 2020 at 9:00 am, and Continuing Until Further Notice. All assemblages of more than 10 people in a single indoor shared space and all events of more than 10 people are prohibited in this state. A single indoor shared space includes but is not limited to a room, hall, cafeteria, auditorium, theater, or gallery. The prohibition on assemblages set forth in this section does not apply to: We do understand that this may pose a challenge to you and your family, but our dedicated staff is here to help guide you towards

making the best decisions in memorializing your loved one.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Bettie J. Pitchford



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - September 16, 2020 at 07:46 AM

VT

"Well done thy good and faithful servant, come take your rest" Sleep on Betty!

*Your friend,
Vivian Terry*

Vivian Reed Terry - September 16, 2020 at 03:19 PM

AH

My deepest condolences to the Pitchford family!! Joy

Alexis Joy Hope - September 18, 2020 at 01:11 PM

KW

*Message to George,
We first met you and Betty years ago. You both served as friends and mentors to both of us, and later, to our daughter, Jenna. Betty served her community in accordance to the Lord's will. She was indeed a faithful and dedicated servant. In loving memory of your beloved wife, Betty, we'll continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kevin & Andrea Williams

Kevin Williams - September 19, 2020 at 09:33 PM

DS

“ *Dr. Charles L. Singleton sent a virtual gift in memory of Bettie J. Pitchford*



Dr. Charles L. Singleton - October 29, 2020 at 04:08 PM

LC

“ *My sincerest sympathy to the Pitchford family. Know that you are in my prayers. I will always remember Bettie and the fun times we had at Detroit Unity Temple. She will be missed. Love and Blessings, Lauren Cobb*

LAUREN COBB - September 16, 2020 at 01:25 PM

DR

“ *Thank you, Bettie, for your friendship, your listening ear and your support. I will remember you with such fond memories and sisterly love. In Christ's name, I give thanks. Dianne A. Rhodes*

Dianne A. Rhodes - September 16, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



September 16, 2020 at 08:17 AM

IA

“ *My memory of Bettie is that she always had such a sweet spirit and a special glow about her. Lola Birdiett Adams & Family*

Iola Adams - September 15, 2020 at 09:34 PM

TJ

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Bettie J. Pitchford. You are in our prayers.*

The Jamison Family

The Jamisons - September 15, 2020 at 12:53 PM

IA

“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



September 15, 2020 at 12:50 PM

SD

“ *SALEMC Board of Directors purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



SALEMC Board of Directors - September 14, 2020 at 03:41 PM

YF

“ *Your OCAMT Family. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



Your OCAMT Family. - September 14, 2020 at 02:51 PM

YA

“ *Your Friends @ Public Lighting Authority purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



Your Friends @ Public Lighting Authority - September 14, 2020 at 01:40 PM

TS

“ *The Black Suite purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



The Black Suite - September 14, 2020 at 11:42 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



September 13, 2020 at 05:26 PM

PM

“ To the Pitchford family, my prayers go out to you all. A lady that loved and cared for so many she came in contact with. Her smile, hugs, and kind words will continue to live on.
Patricia Morris/Pontiac School District

patricia morris - September 13, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.



September 12, 2020 at 11:56 PM

MS

“ George, Rhonda and Kitt, We want you to know how much we loved Bettie, she had such a beautiful soul and we are going to miss her. May God give you Peace at this time.
Leroy and Mary Smith

Mary E Smith - September 12, 2020 at 01:06 PM

CP

“ Charlie & Goldie Pitchford lit a candle in memory of Bettie J. Pitchford



Charlie & Goldie Pitchford - September 11, 2020 at 11:53 PM

CP

Remembering Bettie's wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. May she rest in peace! We send our Love.

Charlie & Goldie Pitchford - September 12, 2020 at 12:03 AM

JP

George & Bettie...Bettie & George, what a loving team who contributed unselfishly their time, talents and resources to the Pontiac Metropolitan School District Community. We are sending our prayers and heartfelt sympathy and be reminded that God can speak words that calm the sea, still the wind and ease the pain. I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Heb 13:5. To my fellow North Carolinians for approximately sixty years, may your cherished memories comfort you and give you peace. Jesse JP & Louise Petway, II

Jesse Petway - September 16, 2020 at 08:52 AM

MS

“ *Much Love, Leroy, Mary, Wayne, Tamala Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.*



Much Love, Leroy, Mary, Wayne, Tamala Smith - September 11, 2020 at 08:06 PM

VE

“ *Our condolences to George, Kit, Rhonda, and the entire family. Praying for your strength and peace during this sorrowful time. Love Willie, Elaine, LaToya, and Lakesha*



Veronica Edmonds - September 11, 2020 at 07:04 PM

TS

“ Beloved Family -- My thoughts are with the Pitchford Family during this time. Bettie will be missed not only by you but all of us who had a chance to be around her gentle spirit. Blessings and God's strength to you,

Tamala Smith - September 11, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.



September 11, 2020 at 11:47 AM

DM

“ We hope that our Lord brings the much-needed peace and comfort during this time. Our sincerest condolences to the entire Pitchford family. Love, Roderick, Diana & Iris

Diana McQuirter - September 11, 2020 at 09:21 AM

LI

“ Love, Roderick, Diana & Iris purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.



Love, Roderick, Diana & Iris - September 11, 2020 at 09:19 AM

SM

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mr. George Pitchford and the entire Pitchford family.

Grant & Sheila Mason



Sheila D. Mason - September 11, 2020 at 08:35 AM

LA

“God’s best, good success” Joshua 1:8, pitchford family Rest In Peace my friend.

lillie anderson - September 12, 2020 at 05:48 PM

SL

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy. Praying for your family. Love, Shurle Northcross Lateef and Family

S A Northcross Lateef - September 11, 2020 at 12:31 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.



September 10, 2020 at 03:49 PM

GB

“ Gerold & Sharon Borninski purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Bettie J. Pitchford.



Gerold & Sharon Borninski - September 10, 2020 at 02:30 PM