



Marilyn J. Pitchford

October 31, 1928 - May 7, 2012

Marilyn J. Pitchford, age 83, of Midland, passed away on, Monday, May 7, 2012, at Tendercare-Midland following a brief illness. She was born the daughter of Cecil and Ina F. (Schofield) Davison on October 31, 1928, in Farwell, Michigan.

Marilyn married Donald J. Pitchford on June 19, 1948. He predeceased her on January 15, 2010. She was also predeceased by her parents.

Marilyn lived in Farwell most of her life and graduated from Farwell High School in 1946. As the mother of four children, Marilyn also worked as a paraprofessional at the Farwell Elementary School. Following graduation from Central Michigan University, in 1975, Marilyn taught fourth grade, retiring from Farwell Area Schools in 1994.

Marilyn was a community-minded individual who loved and highly valued her family and friendships. During her life, she was a member of the Surrey Township Library Board, the Farwell Historical Society, the Farwell Women's Club, and several book clubs.

In September, 2010, Marilyn moved to an apartment at Independence Village-Midland. She always enjoyed family gatherings, lunches with friends, taking classes, attending meetings, and of course, the book club discussions.

Survivors include her children, Joan and Terry Cashin of Coleman, Eric and Esther Pitchford of Farwell, Mary Pitchford of Midland, Alan and Tracey Pitchford of Farwell; her grandchildren Lisa Pitchford, Kenneth and Samantha Pitchford, Andrew and Amy Cashin, and Tyler Pitchford; her great-grandchildren Terryn Grider, Kieley Grider, and Addison Cashin; her brother Bernard and Patricia Davison and family; family friend Niki Diehm; sisters-in-law Jean Smith and Irene Morris; and several nieces and nephews.

In keeping with Marilyn's wishes cremation has taken place.

A visitation with family and friends will be held Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donors are asked to consider: The Farwell Historical Society, the Surrey Township Library or the Farwell Area Schools Endowment Fund.

On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **12**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *I wish you could be with me. Everyday I miss you more. You will always be my great grandma, and my best friend.*

Kieley

Kieley - March 07, 2013 at 07:52 AM



“ *Agnes and I wish to send our most sincere condolences on the loss of your mother, sister and grandmother.##imported-begin##Dan and Agnes Grace##imported-end##*

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“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##*

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“ *A special lady who touched my life and made it better. Our sympathy to the family and may your memories help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Steve and Cheryl Marshall##imported-end##*

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“ All of the staff at Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Homes wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the Pitchford family. Thank you for the trust that you have placed in us.##imported-begin##Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home##imported-end##

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“ Marilyn was a great asset to the community and will be greatly missed. It was a pleasure to have been a part of her life.##imported-begin##Joelle (Miller) Mosher##imported-end##

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“ so sorry about your Mom's passing. Unfortunately I didn't know your Mom all that well. Remember meeting her and your Dad a few times when I was a kid, but not as an adult. I am 12 years younger than your Mom. (So I'm getting up there too.) May you find peace and love in all your memories.##imported-begin##sally prins##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you all and extending my deepest sympathy in your loss. I treasured my friendship with Marilyn and felt it a privilege to have know her.She will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Jane Jaime##imported-end##

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“ It saddened me so much to hear of Mrs. Pitchford's passing. She was my first grade teacher in 1981 and even after 30 years I remember her as being my favorite. I used to live next door to her grandchildren Lisa and Ken as well, and remember have some wonderful adventures with them. Mrs. Pitchford's loss will be felt by all her former students. She was patient, kind and always encouraged us to do and give our best. She helped my develop my passion for reading, often letting me share stories with the class. She also made sure that each of us knew our phone numbers, addresses, parents' full names, where they worked, and an emergency contact. I think in this she was years ahead of her time! It was obvious she loved teaching and all of her students. Even years later when in high school, and after having moved away for several years, she immediately knew who I was and that I used to play with her grandchildren. Each visit was never complete without a hug and a wish for good luck. Years later, my nephew even had her as his teacher. She even gave him the same boom I had used! I didn't believe him until he showed me the front cover where my name was there in penciled chicken scratch. Indeed. I will truly, truly miss Mrs. Pitchford. And so will hundreds of her former students. She was loved.##imported-begin##Tina Weaver Gyokeres##imported-end##

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“ We met Marilyn on our visit from the UK to meet our American family whose grandfather had emigrated from England in the eighteen hundreds. Together with Don she made us feel so welcome and nothing was too much trouble. Although we arrived as comparative strangers we left feeling so much a part of their family that her loss will leave a gap in our lives.##imported-begin##Derek & Jean Hutchinson##imported-end##

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“ Mrs. Pitchford was an amazing woman who will be greatly missed. She directly affected my life in the fourth grade and her impact and teaching has followed me all of my life. Without her guidance, kind heart, and way of finding the best in people I would not be the person I am today. Thank you, Mrs. Pitchford. I only wish I could have had the opportunity to tell you personally what an impact and inspiration you have been on my life. Jeremy Ludwig (Farwell class of 92')Director of Security & SafetyGun Lake Casino###imported-begin###Jeremy Ludwig###imported-end###

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“ Dear Pitchford family, We are out of town and won't be able to attend your Mother's visitation this evening. Our whole family has fond memories of your Mom. She was a colleague,teacher, piano student and most of all, a true friend. We will miss her smile and kind words. Your family will be in our thoughts as you adjust to your loss. Sincerely, Ruth & Don###imported-begin###Ruth & Don Volz###imported-end###

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. She was a "classy" lady. May she rest in peace.###imported-begin###Eileen Brow###imported-end###

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“ Marilyn was a smart, active ,caring and friendly member of our Independence Village Home. We will miss her very much and I wish to express my condolences to the family and to all who knew her and loved her .###imported-begin###Barbara Hemenway###imported-end###

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“ Marilyn (Mrs. Pitchford) was the children's choir director at the Gilmore Church during the late 50's. She fixed us all up in little white capes with blue ribbon ties. I remember that she taught us "alto" and had us sing many times. It was the sing-a-long choir and Joanne and Eric were in it too. A very kind and gentle lady-I am very appreciative of the time she put into our generation. She is fondly remembered by me.###imported-begin###Christine (Wood) Cages###imported-end###

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“ Marilyn was an immediate friend when first we met at Independence Village in Midland. She was looking for someone willing to go to an aquacize class at the community center in Midland, and I agreed. We spent many Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings in the pool, after which we enjoyed breakfast and conversation with multiple cups of coffee. We then formed the Village book group with 8 other "readers," meeting monthly for lively book discussions. Marilyn was a warm, joyful, lively, lovng person who gave me a friendship I will always cherish.###imported-begin###June Turley###imported-end###

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“ TO JOAN AND FAMILY AND AL AND FAMILY.. MY SINCERE SYMPATHY.. SHE WAS A VERY SPECIAL LADY. ALWAYS HAD A NICE CONVERSATION WITH HER , WHEN I SAW HER.. TAKE CARE. LOVE, VICKY###imported-begin##VICKY LOUCH###imported-end##

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“ Marilyn (or Mrs. Pitchford, as I referred to) was an amazing and caring person. I have very fond memories of having her as a 4th grader. All of her students knew, if they needed a hug, she would always be willing to give you one. She was a wonderful lady. I am honored to have had a relationship with her both as my teacher and friend.###imported-begin##Hannah Winn###imported-end##

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