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Funeral services for B. R. Harvey will be held Tuesday December 2, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at the Pitkin High School Gymnasium. Rev's. Jeff James, Arlen Smith and Homer Laurence will be officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. Monday December 1, 2008 until 11:00 A.M. Tuesday December 2, 2008 at Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Cravens, LA. Visitation will continue from 12:30 p.m. until service time on Tuesday at Pitkin High School Gymnasium.

Burrell Ravon Harvey was born on the 27th day of March, 1925 in Evans, Louisiana, the son of Burrell and Ellie Hinson Harvey. He went to be with the Lord on Friday November 28, 2008 at Rapides Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana, at the age of 83 years, 8 months and 28 days.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He dedicated his life ensuring that Pitkin High School and his community would have the best education, faculty and resources possible to provide a good education for their children. Further he was a loyal and faithful member of Gravel Hill Baptist Church in Cravens, Louisiana.

Mr. Harvey began his service to Pitkin High School in 1950 and this continued for over 56 years. He spent over 30 years at Pitkin High School teaching, coaching, and serving as Principal and Athletic Director. He built the program into the success it is today. With the school winning the High School state championship in 1966 with a record of 54 wins and only 4 losses that year.

He retired from the school in 1980 and planned to live a quiet contented life with his wife spending time gardening and watching the Tigers from the sidelines. Any one who knew B. R. would tell you he could never sit idly by. He soon found himself mentoring other coaches, players, often with inspirational talks during halftime and practice. He has served as leader, advisor and mentor to many coaches and community leaders in the community and state.

Mr. Harvey was inducted into the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Coaches Hall of Fame in January 1995 with a winning record of 445 wins and only 140 defeats, the first person



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from Vernon Parish to have this honor. Mr. Harvey was one of very few to be inducted as both a coach and an administrator. He served on the executive board of this association for many years.

He was elected to the Vernon Parish school board in 1984 and served in that capacity until his retirement on March 2, 2006. During his tenure with the Vernon Parish School Board he served as Vice President in 1985 and President in 1986. Members of the board serving with him during his tenure often remarked that when Mr. Harvey spoke all would listen. He was a man who knew when to speak and when to listen and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Mr. Harvey is survived by his wife of 61 years, Maggie Harvey of Pitkin, Louisiana; three daughters, Rayetta (Monroe "Bo") Thompson of Alexandria, Louisiana, Jean (Ernest) Farabee of Shreveport, Louisiana and Landa (James) Johnson of Cravens, Louisiana; 5 Grandchildren and 6 Great-Grandchildren.

The Family has asked that memorial donations be made to the Gideon's.



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JN

Joy N. Lee posted:

PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AS YOU WALK THRU THIS VALLEY OF SORROW.

June 2 at 6:15 AM

TB

Ted & Shelley Brummett posted:

Sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

June 2 at 6:15 AM

CG

Christy & B.W. Greemon posted:

Jean and Ernest,\r\n\r\nI am so sorry for your loss, I know your dad will be greatly missed! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.\r\n\r\nLove, \r\n\r\nChristy & B.W. Greemon

June 2 at 6:15 AM

MA

Mary Catherine Alcorn posted:

Dear Harvey Family,\r\n\r\nMr. BR has left many footprints along lifes pathway. He shall be missed by many people as he was one of the Pitkin legions. He retired the year I graduated but did not stay retired and away from school for very long. \r\n\r\nHe ran the race and ran it well. He gave God the glory and victory, and now he is with our Lord. \r\n\r\nMy heart goes out to the family as sweet Beulah lands welcomes another soul home.

June 2 at 6:15 AM

BW

Brenda Sue James Wilson posted:

Landa, your dad will be greatly missed by all the students who attended Pitkin High School. He was a great influence to so many people and because of him I had the opportunity to attend a wonderful school. Both of your parents have been close friends to my parents for as long as I can remember, my mom loved your dad and your mother so much. When she visited them she would call and tell me everything they talked about! I'm praying for you and your family, that our Lord will give you peace and comfort you daily.\r\n\r\nLove, Brenda

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SG

Sissy Green posted:

Landa, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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MS

Michael & Ashley Sesvold posted:

As many have said, Mr. Harvey will be greatly missed. He was such a staple at our little school! To the family, you are in our prayers.

June 2 at 6:15 AM

BM

Betty Perkins Mccartney posted:

The Harvey Family -\r\n\r\nI was so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Harvey. Ironically, my daughter and I were home for Thanksgiving last week and went to the basketball game at Pitkin. I noticed Mr. Harvey right away and pointed him out to my daughter and told her a couple of stories about him from my days at Pitkin High School. He was truly a remarkable principal and advocate for \"our\" school. All of you will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

June 2 at 6:15 AM

BL

Becky Compton Landry posted:

Family,\r\nSorry for your loss. Mr. Harvey was such a blessing to Pitkin, Pitkin School, sports, and all who knew him. He touched the lives of so many including me. I will never forget the day he called me to the office over the loud speaker. I couldn't imagine what I had done. He was calling me in to congratulate me. God be with you and bless you. Becky and family

June 2 at 6:15 AM



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