



Attorney Joshua J. Pitre

June 27, 1940 - May 4, 2016

Joshua J. Pitre, Sr.

Funeral services for Attorney Joshua J. Pitre, 75, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Mohorn Baptist Church, 219 Cosay Road, Plaisance, Louisiana. Attorney Pitre entered eternal rest on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 surrounded and comforted by his family. Interment will be at Mohorn Baptist Church Cemetery. Pastor Nicholas Thomas, Sr. will officiate the services.

After graduating from Southern University Law School in 1970, Attorney Pitre returned to the Opelousas area where he began practicing law and engaging in the quest for social, political, and economic justice. During this quest to break racial barriers, he became the first person of color elected to the St. Landry Parish School Board and eventually became the first person of color elected as President of the St. Landry Parish School Board. His life and his body of legal work embodied the values for which he stood and have impacted generations of citizens throughout the Opelousas community and the State of Louisiana. Attorney Pitre's strength in the face of social turmoil and racial unrest is well-remembered almost half a century later and will certainly never be forgotten.

Attorney Pitre leaves to cherish and honor his memory his loving wife of 50 years, Alice Darjean Pitre; one daughter, Kenyetta M. Williams (Elliot) of Houston, Texas; three sons, Joshua J. Pitre, II (Kirston) of Opelousas, Louisiana, Alex Rashid Pitre (Toni) of Houston, Texas, and Ogden L. Pitre

(Melissa) of Opelousas, Louisiana; two brothers, Donald Pitre (Mamie) of Opelousas, Louisiana and Jessie Pitre (Leanna) of Houston, Texas; one sister, Abbie Duncan of Opelousas, Louisiana; six grandchildren, Yasmine B. Williams, Jocias U. Pitre, Lauren A. Williams, Jarus J. Pitre, Pius A. Pitre and Pierce A. Pitre; four aunts, Ethel White-Woods of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Helen White-Calhoun of Houston, Texas, Wiona White-Thomas of Opelousas, Louisiana, and Levonia White-Thomas (Joseph) of Opelousas, Louisiana; one uncle, Marion Overton White (Doris) of Opelousas, Louisiana and a host of family members and friends.

Attorney Pitre was preceded in death by his parents, Ogden Pitre and Celina White-Pitre.

Visiting hours will be observed from 8:30 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at Mohorn Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Southern University System Foundation by mailing donations to P.O. Box 9562, Baton Rouge, LA 70813 or donating online at foundation.sus.edu. Please specify that donations are to be designated for the Southern University Law Center Annual Fund.

Share words of comfort with the Pitre family at www.williamsfuneralhomes.net
Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas,
337-942-2037

Cemetery Details

Mohorn Baptist Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mohorn Baptist Church
Cosay Road
Plaisance, LA

Service

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mohorn Baptist Church
Cosay Road
Plaisance, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Attorney Joshua J. Pitre*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *Very saddened to learn of Joshua's passing. I served with Josh on the St. Landry Parish School Board. He was a dedicated and completely trustworthy public servant. I am an attorney and can attest he was a professional ultimately competent, honest and hardworking attorney. I was very fortunate to have known him. My condolence to his loved ones. Vernon McManus, Eunice.*

Vernon McManus - May 17, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *My condolences to Sandra P. Taylor and all of the Pitre family. May Attorney Joshua J. Pitre rest in peace.*

Dr. Wells - May 14, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing Kenyetta and family. Please accept my condolences. Chantelle Watson Mitchell*

Chantelle Mitchell - May 14, 2016 at 06:49 AM



“ *Donovan Hudson sent a virtual gift in memory of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre*



Donovan Hudson - May 13, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *A gentleman of tremendous courage who dared take on injustice to better the lives of us all. Our community was greatly enriched by his actions and deeds. We all were blessed by his legacy and community leadership.*

D.K. Hudson

Donovan Hudson - May 13, 2016 at 06:54 PM

PB

“ *"We know that your hearts are heavy for a love that is so great but be comforted in knowing that God has left with us the Holy Spirit, our Greatest Comforter, who is with us now and will never leave us. Be also comforted in knowing that your loved one is not dead but has made a transition to a new life with His Father, in Heaven. We lift you up in prayer family, believing in the Word, "God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in the spirit" - Psalm 34:18*



*Our Deepest Sympathy,
Mr. & Mrs. Dezria & Patsy Bazile*

Patsy Bazile - May 13, 2016 at 05:57 PM

MW

“ MARY ANN WYBLE purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre.



MARY ANN WYBLE - May 12, 2016 at 11:33 PM

TS

“ The Frank Sisters purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre.



The Frank Sisters - May 12, 2016 at 12:45 PM

MH

“ Mona Pitre Hicks lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre



Mona Pitre Hicks - May 12, 2016 at 10:48 AM

BH

“ May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace! Amen. 🙏🌸
M/M Gerald J. Hardy, Sr.

Brenda Hardy - May 12, 2016 at 12:20 AM

AI

“ *Kenyetta, I am so sorry for your lost. May God continue to keep and strengthen your family for the days to come.*

Alesha Stoute- Ina

Alesha Stoute- Ina - May 11, 2016 at 10:47 PM

GY

“ *Gail Young lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre*



gail young - May 11, 2016 at 09:47 PM

GS

“ *Gloria Sam lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre*



Gloria Sam - May 11, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sorry my Auntie and cousins.*

Stephanie Gobert - May 11, 2016 at 10:27 AM

DP

“ I didn't know Attorney Joshua Pitre but I know his son - Ogden. Knowing the son helps you know the Father in all things. Attorney Pitre must have been very proud of his son Ogden as he too is a competent and studious Attorney who worked on my staff in Houston at the U.S. Department of HUD. May you find comfort in the love Attorney Pitre shared and provided to his family and others in the communities he served. Love to the Family - Dr. Edward & Gloria Pringle - Field Office Director, U.S. Department of HUD - Houston, Texas.

Dr. Edward L. Pringle - May 11, 2016 at 09:07 AM

CK

My condolences to Alice and all of the Pitre family. Joshua will be missed by many, may he rest in peace. ❤️

Clementine Papillion Kirkpatrick - May 11, 2016 at 07:16 PM

MF

“ Mary Colomb & Family lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre



Mary Colomb & Family - May 10, 2016 at 10:30 PM

PL

“ My condolences to the family. Praying for you during this difficult time.



Pattie Lemelle - May 10, 2016 at 10:12 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the Pitre and Darjean families. .may you find comfort and strength in the beautiful memories and legacy*



Adrienne (granddaughter of Merla Mae) - May 10, 2016 at 08:56 PM

CW

“ *CATHY D. WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Attorney Joshua J. Pitre*



CATHY D. WASHINGTON - May 10, 2016 at 04:46 PM