



## Billy Ray Pitts

February 12, 1938 - July 23, 2013

Billy Ray Pitts, 75, of Laurel, Mississippi died Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at Forrest General Hospital. He was a member of Bethlehem Community Church. He was a retired Math teacher with the California School District. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2013, at Memory Chapel with burial to follow in the Bethlehem Community Church Cemetery. Rev. Jamie Altman will officiate.

Upon graduation from Mississippi State University, he traveled to New Mexico for his first teaching assignment. After two years, Mr. Pitts moved to California, where he taught for 34 years in the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, and where he served as Teacher's President.

Mr. Pitts also served on the Board of Director's for the California Teachers' Association for ten years, serving as President during that time, lobbying in Washington, D. C. for teacher's right. He dedicated his life to teaching young minds as a Math teacher. He continues that legacy in young minds even after his death.

He enjoyed growing fruit at his home in Ontario, CA, retiring in 2000, traveling and spending time with family at his second home in Laurel, MS.

Mr. Pitts is survived by two sisters, Viola Pitts Hutchinson and Myrtle Rea Pitts Bullock, brother-in-law, Homer Maples, host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Claudie Wilton Pitts and Effie Mae Knight Pitts; two brothers, Claudie Wilton Pitts, Jr. and William Burnice Pitts;

and one sister, Lois Pitts Maples.

Pallbearers will be Punk Bustin, Jason Bullock, Randy Sherrell, Mac McLeod, Marty Bullock, and Gerald Bordelon.

Visitation will be held from 12 noon until the service time on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Bill very well we were both active in the Calif teachers association and worked together on many political issues that effected public education, and Bill was a major influence in my decision to run for Chaffey HS Board of Trustees. Bill was an advocate for public eduction and the rights and interests of public school teachers. I will miss you Bill RIP Raymond Sarrio

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“ Even though I don't know Mr. Pitts personally, I've heard Jana speak of her "Uncle Bill" with such love and respect many many times. To all the family, I offer my deepest sympathy and prayers.

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**Rose Myrick Garst** - July 24, 2013 at 11:03 AM