



Richard T. Pettey

March 7, 1933 - July 14, 2013

Richard T. Pettey, 80, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died Sunday, July 14, 2013 at Willard Walker Hospice Home, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Born March 7, 1933 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, he was the son of Martin Pettey and Delia Ruth Bland Pettey. Richard served his country in the Army during the Korean Conflict. He and Jeanette Barnett were married November 23, 1954 in Gentry, Arkansas. Mr. Pettey was the manager for Oak Park Broom Company in Nevada, Iowa and Columbia Broom Company in Spangle, Washington before retiring. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Gentry, Arkansas.

Survivors include his wife Jeanette of the home; one daughter Juanita Edge and husband Michael of Fall River, Wisconsin; one son Vernon Pettey and wife Karina of Polebridge, Montana; six grandchildren Jennifer Davis, Greg Edge, Kendall Pettey, Valerie Pettey, Leighton Pettey and Raleigh Pettey; two step great grandchildren Olivia and Emma Davis; and one sister Alice Wellnitz of Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Memorial services will be 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 20, 2013 at Gentry Seventh-day Adventist Church, with Elder Michael Edge and Elder Daniel Hoover officiating. A private burial was held in Gentry Cemetery, Gentry, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Gentry Cemetery

Gentry Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 20. 3:00 PM (CT)

Gentry Seventh-day Adventist Church
21090 Dawn Hill East
Gentry, AR 72734

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Dear Mrs Pettey,
I was saddened to hear about the loss of you husband. He was such a kind man. I appreciated his patience and instruction while working at the broom shop back in the summer of 1972. Always there if you needed help yet by a look you knew if you hadn't done it right.
I so enjoyed your family and the support you gave the school while at Oak Park. May you find peace and comfort as you travel this new path ahead.
Cherie Butler Rogers

Cherie Butler Rogers - August 06, 2013 at 06:49 PM

TK

“ Mr. Pettey taught me a strong work ethic simply with his stern looks. I remember the day i was late to work. He was standing beside the time clock when I arrived. He didn't say a word, just gave me a very stern, intimidating look, and i don't believe I was ever late again. I always appreciated the opportunity he gave me to work at the broom shop and letting me try different tasks. He created hard workers and even though it was a dirty job, I have great memories of working for him.

Gay Hoover, OPA Broom Shop 1971-1973

Teresa Gay Hoover Krueger - July 28, 2013 at 03:22 PM

RH

“ Mr. Pettey was a hard working man that dearly loved his family. I was honored to know him and the family during my time at UCA, 1982-1984. Prayers of comfort for the family.

Ronda Livingston Harrison - July 23, 2013 at 02:43 PM

JC

“ *Dear Jeanette and Family,*

So sorry to hear about your husband, your father.

Sandy and Richard were here several weeks ago and Sandy told me about your husband being so sick.

My deepest condolences to you.

*Jane Morong
Your China buddy
Evergreen, CO*

JANE MORONG, EVERGREEN, CO - July 18, 2013 at 05:50 PM

CC

“ *Dear Jeanette, I remeber seeing Richard at the mailbox so many times when I was going to and from the church during the week. I never visited with him before he was sick but remember that Lauralee could get such good memories from him. I know how much you will miss him. (Been through that in the last few years.) But know that you are relieved that he is no longer suffering but is, he always has been, in the arms of our Lord waiting for that great day. We look forward so gladly for that day.*

Charolette Clegg - July 18, 2013 at 12:50 PM

LB

“ Dear Mrs. Pettey, my classmate Vernon and all your family~

I am so sorry to learn about your loss! I remember him hand selecting the perfect broom for me once, and I was always fond of all of you as good, kind people! Heavens light truly shines brighter every day as our "treasures" are truly stored there! My prayers for God to comfort your hearts, and for all the wonderful memories and love you shared to light your path to peace.

*Love and hugs~
Lisa Buell*

Lisa Buell - July 17, 2013 at 09:19 PM

RW

“ Jeanette, and Alice and all the Petty family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss It is so wonderful that we have the hope we do and that we all will sleep till He calls.

*We will be praying for you during this time of seperation and loss. We have such fond memories of growing with you all there at.OAA. We look forward to our reunion at the Tree of Life , in the New Earth
Love Ray and Pat Watson*

Ray Watson - July 17, 2013 at 03:27 PM

BL

“ Dear Jeanette & Family,

We are so sorry to hear about Richard's death. You are in our hearts and prayers as you and we grieve for your loss. But thank God, we have a Saviour, a life-giver. And we look forward to our glad reunion with our loved ones at Jesus' soon return! We like the picture of Richard in his cap! But think of the greater smiles when we are all raptured together to meet Jesus in the clouds! May it be soon!

Lovingly,

Bob and Janet

Bob and Janet Lickey - July 17, 2013 at 12:13 PM

RW

“ Jeanette, and Alice, We are so sorry for your loss. We will be praying for all your family as you go through this difficult time. It is so comforting to know that we simply sleep till that Grand Day when Jesus will return for his faithful children. Thank you for keeping us informed. It has been so special to have grown up and yes "OLD" together with our OAA family.

Ray H Watson - July 17, 2013 at 11:13 AM

KB

“ To Jeannette and the kids -- One good thing about the internet -- it lets us in on the news, happy or sad! I just read about Richard's death. My heart goes out to all of you at this time. Life sends us down roads we would not choose to take, but God will sustain you each step of the way. The golden morning is fast approaching!! I will never forget Richard driving the OPA school bus. When the kids sang "Mr Pettey, do you love Jesus" he gave a firm, spoken, one word answer -- "Yep!!" We all have our happy memories to cherish while we wait for Jesus to come. You are in my prayers. Karen Stephens Essig Bowen

Karen Stephens Essig Bowen - July 16, 2013 at 10:59 PM

DW

“ We got the sad news about Mr Pettey passing, we want to express our sympathy to the family. There a lot of good memories from Oak Park, my how the years pass by, but soon we we meet again in that great day.

Dennis & Loretta Wolfe

Dennis & Loretta Wolfe - July 16, 2013 at 10:19 PM

VI

“ Bob and I are very saddened to find this in our email box. We did not know that Richard was ill. Our good memories will always be of you two at UCA and our children growing up. Never did get out to your end of the country. But your emails were always appreciated.
love Bob and Virginia Coombs



virginia - July 16, 2013 at 09:31 PM

LB

“ so sorry Jeanette and family. We truly loved knowing you two at UCA. Richard was the kindest boss even when he had to help me rethread the mop sewing machine for the umpteenth time. One super nice man. We look forward to reuniting someday soon. Howard and Linda Bogue until we meet again

Linda Bogue - July 16, 2013 at 09:19 PM

LF

“ I was saddened to learn of Mr. Pettey's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I remember painting their basement at OPA in 1970 I think. I painted it for some mischief I participated in, but I don't remember what it was. I do remember that they took pity on me and let me listen to the radio while I painted. It made it much less tedious and was actually fun. Mr. and Mrs. Pettey did a lot for the kids who attended OPA and I'm grateful to have known them during my stay there. Rest in peace Mr. Pettey.

Linda Fausset (Loose), OPA class of '72.

Linda Fausset - July 16, 2013 at 09:05 AM

CM

“ HE WAS A GOOD BOSS AND A KIND MAN.

CINDY LUCHINSKE MICHALEC - July 15, 2013 at 10:29 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You will all be in my prayers. I am so thankful for the hope of a future with Jesus and no more sorrows. God grant you peace at this time.

Lanette Brandow - July 15, 2013 at 09:23 PM

SR

“ Jeanette: I am so sorry to here of Richards passing. My prayers are with you. Love you and miss getting together.
Sheila Reynolds

sheila Reynolds - July 15, 2013 at 08:19 PM

B(

“ I remember Mr and Mrs Pettey well from OPA with him running the Broom Shop and the 2 little children. Such a reserved christian example to us young teenagers with them being a possitive rollmodel. We will one day soon meet our loved ones again where we will never have to go through the pain of telling those we have lost good by. My thoughts and prayers will be lifted up for the ones left to cary on. When it feels you can not go on know that God is always there to support you.

God Bless,
Bonnie Eisele (Newman) class of 1956

Bonnie L Eisele (Newman) - July 15, 2013 at 06:58 PM

RT

“ My thoughts are with you as you go through this time of loss. Mr. Pettey was a quiet man with a funny sense of humor. I can hear his laugh to this day. I am grateful for having known him and his wonderful family. Thank you and may you find the peace that passes understanding,
Rhonda

Rhonda (Mills) Tiller - July 15, 2013 at 06:56 PM

DC

“ Dear Janette,

*I was so sorry to hear about Richard. Life will be so different for you now. I will be praying that the days ahead find you able to spend more time with God, for He is the God of all comfort. Blessings,
Raymond and Donna Cook*



Donna Cook - July 15, 2013 at 03:49 PM

LF

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Soon all this sorrow will be over and we will never have to say goodbye anymore. My brother Harry loved working for him at OPAs broom shop. You'll be in our thoughts and prayers.

Lorraine Flemmer Ferguson - July 15, 2013 at 11:53 AM

RW

“ I am truly saddened to hear of this loss to the Pettey family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. So many of us from OPA were touched by his life of service.

Rita Wagner - July 15, 2013 at 11:49 AM

LM

“ I have fond memories of my time paint broom handles at the OPA broomshop back in 1965-66. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Enjoy the memories and we will be together again very soon

larry macomber - July 15, 2013 at 10:48 AM

RC

“ While I am sorry to hear of Richards passing, I wish to leave this important message of hope: I was with my father during his passing. Once that happened a profound thought occurred to me, that being: "Our life on this earth is measured and finite. Once it is over, and our life's purpose complete, we pass on to memory!" Furthermore: "This life is only the beginning, if we are faithful. There is a great resurrection morning coming, and when that happens, we get a new life all over again. It will be a life where memories are revived and the life will never end. Joy will be undiminished and hope realized." May the God of heaven bring comfort and joy during this funeral service! As you stand by the graveside may you envision the coming of Christ to call him to back to life again.

Robert L. Wiedemann, D. C. - July 15, 2013 at 09:10 AM

RS

“ I was so sorry to hear this - I always remember Mr. Petty and also Mrs. Petty as being beautiful exemplary Christian people, the young people always loved them. They always had a soft spot in my heart. Sending hugs to the family. Rose Chaney Shultz

Rose Chaney Shultz - July 15, 2013 at 08:55 AM

DR

“ We are very sorry to hear about Richard passing away. God be with you and we hope Jesus comes soon so we can see him and all of our other loved ones again. May God comfort you at this time. We will keep you in our prayers.
Sincerely, Derral and Barbara Reeve

Derral Reeve - July 15, 2013 at 08:03 AM

JE

“ So sorry for your loss! Mr. Pettey (and all of the Pettey family) were kind and wonderful examples of the love of Christ to the students at OPA! Until we meet again . . .Jean Hovland Stivers

Jeanie - July 15, 2013 at 07:47 AM

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Quam
Markeson

“ My thoughts & prayers are with the family during this time. Richard touched so many lives & will be missed.



Lindy Quam Markeson - July 15, 2013 at 07:46 AM

BH

“ Bonnie R Humphreys purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Richard T. Pettey.



Bonnie R Humphreys - July 14, 2013 at 09:48 PM