



Leanne Mae Pannell (Green)

April 27, 1947 - February 7, 2008

Ripley, Mississippi---Mrs. Leanne Mae Green Pannell passed away February 7, 2008 at The Baptist Memorial Hospital Union County.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leanne Mae Pannell (Green)*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *With love and sincere sympathy. God bless you and comfort you.*

March 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *What to say about Leanne?! Such a wonderful wife, mother, teacher and friend. Jim, and children, God bless you all as you deal with such a great loss. We will be thinking of you and pray that God will give you the strength to cope. Know that she positively influenced thousands of lives! She will be greatly missed. Love, Kathy and Clayton Voyles*

Kathy Voyles - March 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jamie, Warren, Jen, and Amanda,
I just wanted to let all of you know I'm thinking about you and you're in my prayers. I can not imagine what you are going through. Your mother was such a sweet lady.....I will never forget her beautiful smile or her neon classroom ;)
If you need anything, please call or message me.
Love,
Kim Hobson and Dylan*

Kim Hobson - February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mr.Pannell and family,we are praying for you in this time of need.Leanne was a great lady. We will miss her at the football games.God be with you. Jerry and Mary Ann Morton*

Mary Ann Morton - February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Amanda,
I am very sorry to hear of your loss of your mother. Your Mom's compassion, caring, and love touched so many children. Thinking of her brings a smile to my face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you!
Love,
Allan and Leigh Estes*

Leigh Benefield Estes - February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Jim and Family:
We are so sorry for your loss and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Losing a family member is a very difficult thing to overcome but I hope you find comfort knowing that people are thinking of you and are praying for you. God will see each of you through this difficult time. Mrs. Pannell touched many people (including mine, Melissa, as her student) and made a lasting impression on their lives. May God bless you and keep each of you over the next several days and weeks to come. Wishing you comfort as you deal with your loss.*

Randy & Melissa Garner-Criswell and Landon Smith - February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Thank you so much for including me in the sentinel about Mrs. Pannell. It was so sweet. Mrs. Pannell was one of a kind. I am in a wheelchair and had a lot of trouble in school and the only time I looked forward to school was when she was my teacher. I couldn't wait to go to school and to be in her class and see her. I was her classroom helper and I have never felt more special then I did with her. I was just thinking a couple weeks ago before she passed away that I hoped when I put in my job applications that I would get a job at the middle school so I could see her every day. I love Mrs. Pannell with all my heart and I will always remember her. I can't imagine how hard this is for the family especially but I want you to know that any and all of you are more then welcome to email me anytime if you need someone to talk to. I am a great listener.

Cortney Wilbanks - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mr. Pannell, Jennifer, and family, it was so tragic to me to hear about the loss of Mrs. Pannell. She was a wonderful woman, great teacher, and fabulous chauffeur I spent alot of time in that old trusty white van her allowing me to go places with Jennifer and never minded taking me there. She will be greatly missed by all but I will always have wonderful memories of her. You all are in my thoughts and prayers and you have my sincerest condolences and sympathy. In case any of you ever need anything my number is 662-286-2516 and would love to talk to you. Love you all!!! Dawn

Dawn Ellis Shea - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ You and your family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. She was always sweet, smiling and friendly lady. May God give you the comfort and strength in the days and weeks ahead.

Clydelle, Zach,J.C. Dickinson - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My family and I would like to express our sympathy to the Pannell family in the loss of a great person. Leanne spent so many years loving, teaching, and building confidence in countless children. Her unique and creative manner of teaching is the reason so many have said, "Mrs. Pannell is my favorite teacher." My two daughters, Jenny and Anna, were fortunate to have learned from her and to have been classmates of Jennifer and Amanda. Our prayers will remain with you all.

Linda Cook - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

~B

“ To Amanda and Family:
I would like to take this opportunity to share my memories of Mrs. Pannell. She was a person, who always spoke in a calm voice. Whenever I saw her in public, she greeted me always with a smile. She had a unique peacefulness about herself, and I believe this was a true reflection of her inner being: a kind-hearted individual. It is no wonder why she is and will forever be adored. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

~Melody Berry~ - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Mr. Pannell and Family: We were shocked to hear of Mrs. Leanne's death. I could always count on you, Jim, for anything I ever needed. You were/and still are the biggest Tiger Fan ever. Although our children were too small to have Mrs. Leanne as a teacher, it is evident that she was living out her calling as a teacher. The memories shared here show that she was a kind and loving person. May God continue to hold you in the days ahead. You and your family are in our prayers. Sincerely, Jamie Mitchell and Family

Coach Jamie Mitchell & Famiy (Ginger, Dillon, Alli) - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Mrs. Pannell was one of the teachers that made it fun to go to school. Her room was always so bright and colorful. I remember back in 90-91 when she had her room decorated with bright neon colors. Her room, like her, was always so vibrant and happy. She was always joking with us but at the same time she was teaching us. She always made learning fun. Most of us have very fond memories of being in Mrs. Pannell's class. Let's hold on to those memories and she will live on forever in our hearts.

Karrie Crook - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Sorry about the loss of your loved one and soul mate. She will be missed by all. Jim, you are truly the greatest Tiger fan of all times! You and your family are in my prayers. God bless and comfort you in the days to come! Robert G. Farrow

Robert.G Farrow - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Jim, Jamie, Jennifer, Warren, and Amanda,

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. One thing I remember the most about Ms. Pannell is that she treated all of her students like they mattered. She touched so many lives and will be missed by so many people.

You are in my thoughts,
Andrea Moore

Andrea Moore - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Family,
How saddened I am for your loss. Leanne was a wonderful human being! I worked with her for 10 years and always saw a lady who conducted herself with dignity and pride. She was so proud of each of her 4 children and she was so proud to be Jim's wife. She took pride in her students at RMS, she took pride in her Ripley Tigers. I remember our "girls" night out every six weeks on report card day. Leanne was an example to her friends-she was always there to listen as we needed to share good things as well as sad things that were taking place in our own lives. I was blessed that she counted me as a friend. I will miss my friend but I will never forget her. Leanne, I will always love you! Donna Schmitz

Donna Schmitz - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Jim, Jamie, Warren, Jennifer and Amanda:
I am so sorry about your loss. Leann was a true friend. I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone. It's so hard to believe she is gone. I will miss dropping by her room to say hi and talk awhile. And what an amazing teacher! She loved each and every student. Leann was a beautiful example of what people should be like. Thinking of you always. Donna Moore

Donna Moore - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ MRS. PANNELL
I WILL MISS YOU I LOVE YOU YOU WERE THE BEST TEACHER
IN THE 6TH GRADE!!!!!!

Breanna Beaty - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Jim, Jamie, Warren, Jennifer, and Amanda,
You are all in my prayers. I will always remember Leanne with a smile on her face and laughter in her eyes. She was a wonderful teacher and dear friend. You four kids were her world, her hopes and her dreams. I know she was very proud of all of you. You have my deepest sympathies and love.

Regina Owen Nicholson - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Jim and family,
Please except our heartfelt sympathy in your time of great sorrow. Leanne was an outstanding member of the community. Only those who have lost a wife and mother can know the depths of your feelings. We send you our love to give you strength to bear your loss.

Sincerely,
Jerry and Rhonda Reno

Jerry and Rhonda Reno - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To the family of Mrs. Leanne Pannell. May the Lord continue to bless you and comfort you in his love. Mrs. Pannell was a special person to me and my four children. Each of my children had the pleasure of being in her class (Tabitha, Parise, Melodye, Leroy Jr.) She will be greatly missed. With sincere thoughts and prayers.
Barbara Berry

Barbara Berry - February 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Leanne was truly one of a kind. She always had a smile when she came by the office, even though she had had a long day at school. She always seemed happy and upbeat. Often she would stop by the office after school with a glass of tea or cup of coffee for me. Anytime there was a holiday, birthday, anniversary, I would arrive at the office to find something special left for Jim-usually balloons or something with a tiger-something fun. She was always doing little thoughtful things for others. She adored her husband and children. She truly loved teaching and made it fun for the students to learn. Anytime someone asks where I work, and I tell them, they always say Mrs. Pannell was their favorite teacher (including my Patrick). We will all miss her. Jim, Jamie, Jennifer, Warren, and Amanda, my heart goes out to each of you.*

Pat Williamson - February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *My heart is broken. I wish I was there with you. I will return February 23. I will make contact as soon as I can. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. I will miss my friend greatly but each of us will carry her with us.*
Love, Beverly and JD

Beverly Hankins - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *We will miss Leanne very much. She always made any meeting with her enjoyable, and football games too!*

David & Rita Hankins - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I met Leanne Pannell almost 20 years ago. Our children were involved in some of the same activities, so we would often find ourselves in the same place...waiting--I in my van and she in hers--to pick up kids here and there. I was new to Ripley then, and as a fellow outsider, she welcomed me into her world.

And what a blessing it was. Leanne and I always had interesting conversations. She would laugh at my silly southern family stories and I would laugh at her equally entertaining stories of California. As often as we could, we'd make our way to Helen's for coffee and pie, making sure to mention the latest book we'd read or reminisce over an "oldie but goodie" we'd heard on the radio. And, yes, as the years went by, we even shared the pains of getting older...but always with a hearty laugh and a smile.

It's that unflinching optimism that I'll remember most about Leanne. Regardless of what came her way, nothing ever got her down. Life was always an adventure to be savored.

Leanne was a true original, who always found the upbeat side of life, whether she was cheering on the Ripley Tigers or bragging about her students or taking pride in her family. For me, though, she'll always be a loyal friend, who made time to share coffee, pie, and life. Those are the moments with her that I'll cherish most.

Beverly Hankins - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I have lots of great memories of Mrs. Pannell. Back when I was in high school, when our families went in similar directions, she was always a bright spot, whether at football games or at swim meets or just around town. Then, after college, when I moved back to Ripley, it was always exciting when I ran into her at the grocery store or at lunch. She always had a smile, and I can say that every time we crossed paths, I'd always end up with a smile too. What a great legacy.

My prayers are with all of you.

Trey Hankins - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Jim and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Pannell was a one of a kind person! She will be greatly missed. She taught my children (Grant and Beth) in the 6th grade, and truly made an impression on their lives. Please know that we will be praying for your family in the weeks to come!!

Twila Goolsby - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *We were so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. If you need us in any way, please do not hesitate to call.*

Jimmy and Linda Gunn and Family

Jimmy and Linda Gunn - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To Jim and family, James and I send our heart felt condolences to you and the family. We so much want to be with you to let you know that we care so much for your family. May the Lord continue to be with you and keep you during this difficult time.

James and Marilyn Colyer - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Amanda & family I am very sorry for your loss. I never had the chance to meet Leanne, but know that she must have been a great person to raise such a nice daughter as Amanda. _Love Mike

Michael Huntoon - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We were so sad to hear of your loss. Mrs. Pannell taught all 3 off our children and all 3 loved her dearly. My family's prayers are with you. Senator Bill Stone and family, Debbie, Jessica, Will, and Adam

debbie samples stone - February 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Dear Jim and Family,
I was shocked and saddened to hear of Leanne's passing. My daughter, Kayla, is a former student of Leanne's. After hearing of her untimely death, Kayla shared stories with me of how Mrs. Pannell made their classes so interesting, and of course, of how she made every child feel so special. Kayla and other students told me that she never raised her voice or was mean in any way. What a role model!

Often when I saw Leanne, it was when she and I were out shopping. (She and I shared that hobby.) We would talk, and she was always so kind. When I think of her, I think of "kind" first and foremost.

I just wanted to let you all know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you feel God's peace in the days ahead.

Rhonda and Kayla Jackson

Rhonda Jackson - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Amanda and family,
I am very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Pannell was a wonderful person. She always made me feel special in her class room and when I would come over and hangout. Amanda I know the grief that you and your family are going through I have been there and I wish I could say something to make the hurt go away , but it takes time and it will get better. Just remember that she is in a better place and that she has touched so many lives that her memory will live on forever. I'm praying for you all and if you need anything just let me know. God Bless you and your family.

Love,
Stephanie and Jenna Lee Hester

Stephanie (Barkley) Hester - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Jamie, May loving memories of the one who meant so much to you bring peace and comfort to your heart and ease your sorrow too. For the memories that you cherish, though they sometimes bring a tear, will help you feel that your mother's love is always near. May your memories bring you comfort

Rhonda Michaels - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Amanda,
First of all, I want to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. I have been thinking about and praying for you and your family. Your mother was truly one of the neatest, most unique people I have ever known. I was talking to my mom just the other day and she described her as "truly loving Ripley, while still being 'California' at the same time." I thought this was perfect. She had a sincere interest in all of her students, especially the students who needed to be cared for the most. That's what makes your mother such a special soul. She has most definitely left her mark on the lives of those who knew her. I love you, and I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

Jordan

Jordan Lockett - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ To the family of Ms. Pannell im so sorry my prayers are with you. She was a great teacher and a great person. She will be greatly missed.

Michelle - February 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Cathea M. Simelton-Edgeston - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Jim, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children and family during this time..

Darrell & Stephanie Jackson - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Jim and children, we were so sorry to hear of your great loss, our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. May God bless each of you with His presence during this very difficult time in your life.

Mike Penny & Kayla Holcomb

Mike & Penny Holcomb - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during your time of bereavement. Mrs. Pannell was a wonderful, beautiful person who impacted my life, including countless others, twenty years ago. She will definitely be missed by many.

Monica Cowan

Monica Cowan - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Jim, Jamie, Warren, Jennifer, and Amanda Leanne touched the lives of so many. She loved her family, coworkers, and students. She never had a harsh word to say about any one. Even the days when she was not feeling well, if you asked, she would smile and say she was okay. It was a privilege to know and work with her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jan Tidwell - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I'm sorry to hear about your Mom. My prayers are with you and your family.

*Your Fox Friend
Jacqueline Whirl*

JACQUELINE WHIRL - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Marie Kemper - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Dear Mr. Panell,*

I know you loved Mrs.Pannell we did, too.

Love

BRANDON C.

brandon carodine - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

A9

“ *Jamie, Warren, Jennifer, and Amanda,
I, too, was very shocked and deeply saddened when I heard the news on Thursday. I am very sorry. Mrs. Pannell was a wonderful teacher and person. I remember her stories and wild style. I remember coming to your house to drop off my sister or pick Amanda up, and visiting with your mom. there was always a good story while I waited.*

If anyone needs anything at all, just let me know. My prayers are with you.

Amy (Smith) Torres -Class of 98 - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *to mRS IEANNE PANNELL FAMILY. SHE WAS A VERY NICE LADY SHE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. SHE IS NOW OUR ANGEL THAT WILL ALWAYS BE SHINEING DOWN ON US AND SHE WAS A GREAT TEACHER AND HER TEACHING WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.*

Danny &Teresa burns - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Family,

It seems in our memory there are a few people and teachers who stand tall and unusually influential in our past; Ms. Pannell, my 7th grade reading teacher, was just that for me. What a wonderful, innovative, and creative person she was. I am so thankful for my fond and cheerful memories and I know that you treasure yours.

Patrick Chapman - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Jim, working for you over the summer I got to know Mrs. Leanne and I have to say I loved her visits to the office! I loved the stories she shared and I am so sorry for the loss of such an AMAZING and WONDERFUL person! I have told everybody that I have talked with about this that although she has left you too early I know she would have no regrets about her life; she was always so happy! I could tell from her visits and stories that you and the kids were her heart and the same for you! I am truly sorry that your family is going through this but I know God will bring you all through it and closer together!!!*

Kimberly Crutchfield - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *in loving memory of ms leanne pannell . she was a angle sent from heaven to love us as we loved her so her memory will live in all who knowed her and loved her our deepes sympathy goes out to all that loved her and her family god be with you jim and your's children the winkles family*

larry@inez winkles - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Mrs. Pannell touched my life in so many ways! I knew I could get away with anything in her class! lol
Because of her I had a best friend, Jenn, from 6th grade on! She was the teacher that you could tell anything to and she would not judge you at all. I remember her taken me and Jenn to the swimming pool in the 8th grade to sell snacks. I remember those wild earrings and the colorful clothes I miss her! I will miss running into her at factory connection and catching up. Her family is is my thought and prayers!

lisa Pierce Smith - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Jim, Jamie, Jennifer, Amanda and Warren, You have my sincere sympathy. Even though we were only acquaintances, I admired and appreciated Leanne for her work in our school system. My 4 children who went through middle school while she taught all have told me how much they like her. I'm referring to Sharon, Paige, Lee J. and Micah Grisham. You are in my prayers.

Sincerely, Paula Grisham

Paula Grisham - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

“ *Jim, Jamie, Jennifer, Warren, and Amanda*

You have been blessed far beyond the average family in the wife and mother who was with us far too briefly. Jim, you were the love of Leanne's life and she told us often. She spoke fondly of your movie dates and dinners. As I taught the rest of you in the sixth grade I could see some of her in all of you. Jamie, you have her creative side. I remember how you could create characters in your stories. Jennifer, you have her gentle spirit. I remember your soft side in talking to others and being the peacemaker. Warren, you have her quick wit. You always had an answer to any question and were ready to go to work on your plan. Amanda, you have her imagination. I remember in Girl Scouts, you would come up with projects and wonderful stories. The greatest trait you all have from her is your ability to respect diversity and celebrate it. She spoke of you often and always with pride. She really enjoyed your family birthday celebrations and holidays She loved you all so.

My children were privileged to have Leanne as their teacher and they loved her. All 3 of them commented on how they loved "READING HER WALLS" which were filled with wisdom. She also supported them in scouts and sports. What they learned from her extended far beyond the classroom and will be with them throughout their lives They knew that she genuinely cared for them as well as every one else in their classes. She truly taught our children.

I loved Leanne with all my heart and there was never a doubt in my mind that she loved me back. She was my FRIEND and I will miss her everyday of my life.

Regina, Benny, Emily (Raines), Ben, and Will Wallis

Regina Menees Wallis - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ My thoughts & prayers are with each one of you. Mrs. Pannell will greatly be missed. She was one of my favorite teachers in school. She touched so many lives thru the years; she was a wonderful inspiration to all. May God comfort you all thru this difficult time.

Tracy Blades Jeter - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Jen, Jamie, Warren, Amanda, and Mr. Jim:
I am still very shocked and saddened about your loss. You know I thought the world of your mother and will miss her and hearing your stories about her. I send you my deepest condolences and will have you all in my thoughts. If I can do anything for you, don't hesitate to send me a message.
Craig

Craig Allen - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Leanne was a friend and co-worker of mine for many years. I never heard her say a critical or negative thing about anyone. I never heard her raise her voice to her students. She was a wise teacher who sincerely cared about her students. She will be greatly missed at Ripley Middle School.

Rita Braddock - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Jim and children I am so sorry for your loss.
Jermaine, CaSsandra & Siarra Jackson

cassandra jackson - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AY

“ Hey Mrs.Pannell i kno that you are in a better place but you are really miss down here.

Ashley Yancy - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Hey Mrs. Pannell, we will all miss you a whole bunch, I hope it is better in heaven than it was down here. I just wanted to let you know you had a lot of people who about you. Well I have to go, I just wanted to say I LOVE YOU 4-EVER & ALWAYS!!!!

Alex Garrett

Alex Garrett - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Jim, Jamie, Warren, Jennifer, and Amanda, Leanne was such a dear dear person to us. When I arrived home from a business trip on Friday Bill met me at the door with this heart breaking news. We both cried and cried at the loss of someone who was so special in our lives. I pulled out the photo albums and we sat and remembered all the happy and fun times we had experienced together during the law school days---- the trip to New Orleans, the trip to Arkansas Post (Jamie your mom was pregnant with you at the time), Jamie's baby shower, the visits between Ripley/Oxford, Jamie's first b'day, Warren's's birth and the list goes on and on. Leanne's life was full and she always put everyone else's needs above her own.

Jamie, Warren, Jennifer and Amanda, I know she was so proud of all of you. And Jim...well Jim you were the love of her life.

May the peace of Christ's be with you.

Betty and Bill

Betty and Bill Duke - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Mrs. Pannell was truly a beautiful person inside and out. Her presence and spirit will truly be missed at Ripley Middle School. Mrs. Pannell was not only my sixth grade teacher, but I also had the pleasure of working with her for the last three years. When I started working at the school, it was amazing to see how the students still adored her just as much as we did when we were her students. Mrs. Pannell will greatly be missed. My family would like to offer our deepest condolences to the Pannell family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,
Lanendra Edgeston-Brooks

Lanendra Edgeston- Brooks - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ We were so saddened to hear about Leanne. She was a special person who loved her family and students dearly. Leanne was a wonderful teacher and was loved by all teachers and students. When I would talk to Leanne, she always told me about each one of her 4 children and she would just glow telling me where you girls and guys were and what you were doing. She was so proud of each and everyone one of you. She really loved her family. Remember, our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Eddie, Phyllis, Dustin, & Drew McCafferty

Phyllis McCafferty - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Jim and Children,
Mrs. Pannell was a beautiful person from the inside out. She taught all three of our children and they all loved her. What always stood out the most to me was the fact that she made all the children feel important. I still have the letter she sent our son Anthony the summer after he was in her class. It was filled with encouragement, confidence that he would graduate in the year 2010 and her wishes for him to have a good life. Those words of kindness meant more than any material thing money can buy and I'm glad I had the opportunity to let her know that. In our conversation, she affirmed the fact that she wanted to make all the children feel special because they were all special to her. She was an inspiration to many and a great educator. We will all miss her.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Brenda Cowan Storey*

BRENDA STOREY - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Ms. Pannell was my teacher in the 6th grade and my colleague for nine years. She was one of the happiest people I've ever known. Even when I knew she didn't feel well, she always put on a good front for the children. They knew that she always put them first in her life. She was the biggest Ripley Tiger fan I know. She traveled to all the games, no matter how far she had to drive or how tired she was after school. I looked to her for advice for our students at school and for my children at home. She loved my own children and always made them feel so special. Alex, my oldest daughter, drew a picture for her Saturday. We attached it to several rainbow colored balloons and let it go. Alex said, "Ms. Pannell will like it."

School is not the same without her. I miss our coffee/popcorn breaks, and I miss sitting by her at lunch time each day. There's an empty feeling at school without her. She will be deeply missed.

Shane, Laura, Alex, Sam and Zoë Green

Laura Green - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We appreciate the years your wife and mother spent in the teaching profession. My youngest daughter currently had her as a teacher and enjoyed her class. We will never forget my oldest daughter bringing home the class hamster, "Babushka", for the weekend. Children remember these small but important things. Our thoughts are with your family.

Mitch, Cathy, Caley, & Alana Ward - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WP

“ Thank you to everyone who has reached out their condolences, thoughts, and prayers to our family. This is a very difficult time for all of us, it really helps to see the kids that she helped, that she loved, that she inspired. I love my Mom. I miss my Mom.

Warren Pannell - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We want to extend our deepest sympathy. Jimmy and Bonnie Mauney

Jimmy and Bonnie (Bennett) Mauney - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I remember working with Leanne when she was teaching at Oxford Elementary School in the 1970s. Her class was composed of fifth graders who were below grade level in their skills, and she was the perfect teacher for these students. They loved her and were convinced that she loved them in return. I never saw Leanne without a smile on her face and never heard her utter a negative word. She was the perfect example of what teaching is all about.

I grieve with her family and her school community. Her passing is a loss beyond words to describe.

Kirk Bramlett

Kirk Bramlett - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Jim, Amanda, Jennifer, Jamie and Warren I want to extend my deepest sympathy for the passing of Leanne. We all know she is sitting up in heaven. Never no sadness or pain. I didn't know her well but Kisha and Sherrie did. They really loved her. I want you all to know, We are here for you and will keep you in our prayers. Carol Keup

Carol Mauney Keup - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jim, Jamie, Warren, Jennifer, and Amanda,

I am so sorry for your loss.

I remember coming to your house with Jamie, or Jennifer, or Amanda and your mother always made me feel like I was at home there. The last time I saw Mrs. Pannell I had my son with me and she told me stories about how much she enjoyed all of her children when they were Jacob's age, and how great all of you were, and how proud she was of all of you.

Mrs. Pannell was such a joy to be around, I don't think I have ever seen her when she wasn't smiling. She wasn't just good to people, she was also such an animal lover, and I will never forget her.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you during this hard time.

Megan

Megan Willoughby-Pannell - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Jim, Jamie, Warren, Amanda and Jennifer,
We were so very saddened to hear about your loss. LeeAnne was a very true friend of ours and our family. She was loved by everyone. She will always be remembered at Ripley Middle School because she touched so many lives and did so much for her community. She was one of Casey and Josh's favorite teachers. She was truly a blessing to all of the lives that she touched. I know the Lord said to her "Well done". We will be praying for you all in the days ahead.

Ricky, Ginger, Casey and Josh Martin - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Jim:
I am sorry I can't be with you today and share your grief. My thoughts are with you at this time.
Glenda

Glenda Shumpert Darling - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I didn't know Leanne, but I do know Amanda. She is one of the sweetest, most down to earth and caring young women I have ever known. Attributes such as these do not come by accident, but are cultivated by loving parents. Amanda and her siblings are living tributes to their Mother's memory.
My heart goes out to all her loved ones left behind.

Anita Redden - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ i am so sorry for your loss.i didnt know mrs.pannell but my daughter jo did.jo said she was a very sweet lady.she will be missed by everyone.god needed her for some reason.my thoughts and prayers are with all of you .

judy windham - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ My mother spent her entire life changing children's lives. Seeing how many people were touched by her mere presence, means so much to me during this difficult time. Our family can not begin to express our gratitude for all of your support. We ask that rather than mourn in her passing, celebrate her life. She remains an inspiration to her children, husband, students, and the friends and family who always understood her unique style.

Everything I've done in my life was for her and I know she would be so honored and probably even a bit embarrassed by all of the love and support. She was so selfless, beautiful, intellectual, and everything I aspire to be in life.

All she ever did was help anyone in need and I ask that in her memory please mirror that image. She reached out to so many children who were often overlooked. Changed lives. Offered Comfort. Gave them hope. She always made every person feel like they were the most important person in the world. It was truly an honor to have grown up with a mother and a teacher who could not have been more perfect.

once again, thank you so much for your support and my heart is with her students and the community who share this terrible loss with my family and myself.

Amanda Pannell - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Jim, Jamie, Warren, Jennifer and Amanda, Leeanne was such a special person who will forever live on in the lives of the students she has touched and the privileged of us who can call her our friend. She was one who truly was called to be a teacher and she taught not only book knowledge because she was an excellent teacher, but also life knowledge by her example. She loved everyone and I truly can say that I have never heard any negative thing ever said about her. She was always one of Brad and Sarah's favorite teachers. I will never forget the little happies she made them to encourage them as they prepared for the county spelling bees....I think we actually may still have one of those cute little bees somewhere around here. As a teacher, she has touched the future....that impact will always be here. Her memory will always be cherished by all who knew her. You all are in our prayers. Thank you all for sharing such a special wife and mother with us.

Tim, Pam, Brad and Sarah Needham - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ To the Pannell family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Mrs. Pannell will forever be missed. She was a vital part of our Ripley Middle School family. I never knew Wednesday would be the last time I got a chance to talk with her. But I will cherish that always. She changed the way people looked at the world and was one of many nice teachers I have come to meet and have as my own. May God bless you and keep you

Ms. Connie Jefferies - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this troublesome time in your lives. Please know that God is looking down on you and is there to hear your every cry.

Roger, Ramonia & Eric McAlister - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Jamie, I am so sorry about your mother. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rhonda Michaels - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Dear Jim, Jamie, Warren, Jennifer, and Amanda, We are deeply saddened and so very sorry about Leanne. We were together many years at school, and loved her dearly for her thoughtfulness and kindness to all. She will be sorely missed, but her memory will live on in her many friends and the many students she lovingly inspired. God bless you and your family. Lovingly, Dianne and family*

Phil and Dianne Peeler, Miranda and Matt Griffin, Jason Hall, Ryan and Janna Hall, and families - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mrs. Pannell was one of my favorite teachers in school. She was very loving to her students, caring about them and did everything in her power to help each and every one of them if they would let her. The year I was in her class, I was elected classroom helper and I got to help her with things every day. It was so much fun being with her. When I heard of the tragedy of her death I was in shock, and to this day I still am in shock. God has plans for every one of us on this earth and it is in his hands when we die. We just have to trust that Mrs. Pannell is now in a better place and that it was her chosen time to leave this world, we just may not understand why. I will never ever forget Mrs. Pannell as long as I live. The family will be in my hearts and prayers for a long time to come. Mrs. Pannell will be truly missed by so many people. Keep your faith in the Lord and he will see you all through this sad time.

Sincerely,

Cortney Wilbanks

Cortney Wilbanks - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolence. Leanne influenced lives for generations to come in her teaching and example in this area. Please call on us if we can be of help in any way.

Boone and Eloise Shelton - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *The Pannell Family,*

Our grandson Owen was in Mrs Pannell's home room. He cried with his friends when he returned to school Friday. We are very sorry.

Jerry and Pat Owen, and Owen Sanders.

Jerry and Pat Owen - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *I would like for you all to know that Mrs. Pannell really touched my chilfrens hearts as well as mine. She really made an empact on my son Isaiah, she took the time to talk to him and she was his friend, he has never had a teacher that made him feel as comfortable as she did and we know that there will never be a teacher that will be able to fill her shoes. I really appreciate the love and kindness that Mrs. Pannell showed my children and we will greatly miss her. You all are in our prayers.*

Charlene Nellum and Family

God Bless and Be with you!

Charlene Nellum - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Your family is in our prayers, Mrs.Pannell was a very sweet and wonderful person that my daughter (Paige) really looked up to, she was a true blessing getting to know her she will be truly missed and May God bless each and everyone of you thru your time of sorrow, we will continue to keep warm memories in our hearts for Ms. Leanne Pannell.*

Jennifer M.Rogers - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Jim, words cannot express our love and sympathy to you and your family at this sad time. Leanne was a very special person and will be missed by so many, not only students whose lives she touched over the years, but by the community and the educational system. God bless you and the children and give you comfort and peace. You will be in our hearts and prayers. With love and sincere sympathy.

Nadine Barkley

Elijah & Nadine Barkley - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Jim, Jamie, Amanda, Jennifer and Warren: I was so shocked Thrusday when I heard of Leanne's accident and death. I am so sorry for your loss. I know words cannot express the grief and loss you feel at this time.

Leanne touched so many lives in the students she taught, her fellow teachers and her many friends. May God bless and keep you during this time and in the weeks to come.

Jo

Mrs. Jo Butcher (Jo Willoughby) - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God help in your time of need.

Laurie (Green) & Joe David Caviness - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Jim and Family,*

We were saddened to hear of Lee Ann's passing. She was a favorite teacher to many students including Bryan. We will keep you in our prayers.

Randy , Dianne and Bryan Graves - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *Jim & Family,*

So very sorry to hear about your loss. Just wanted you to know that your all in our prayers. She was one of Sam's favorite teachers and she was loved by all.

Sincerely,

Possum Nance & Family

Possum Nance - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Jamie, Warren, Jennifer, and Amanda. I am so very sorry for the loss of your mother. I worked with her at Ripley Middle School for a number of years.*

Roger L. Cowan - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Pannell. She taught our daughter, Marlana, and was such a sweet and caring person. She will be missed greatly by many people whose lives she has truly touched. May God bless your family.*

Scott and Michelle Curle - February 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I never got to meet Mrs. Pannell but she was obviously a very loved and extraordinary person. My heart goes out to the entire family. I know she will be missed. My prayers are with you.

Angie
Starkville, MS

Angie Marquez - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

J1

“ Warren, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She was one of my favorite teachers! She will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jessica Stone Shoup, Class of 1998 - February 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ We would like you all to know how much Mrs.Pannell will be missed.Both of our children was in her room when they where in the middle school and they loved her very much and every time she seen one of them she talked to them and called them by their names.We wanted to tell the family that they are in our thoughts and prayes.

Tiffany,Kevin,Angie & Tony Box - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I had the privilege of working in the classroom with Leanne for the past three years. I watched as she treated each student with respect and dignity. Her wisdom and knowledge were amazing. I often found myself smiling as I sat in the back of her room. She was always looking on the bright side of things. Jordan and Scott enjoyed having her as their teacher. I miss her and will remember her always. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Beverly Stubbs

Beverly Stubbs - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy in your time of loss. Our prayers are with you all.

November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To The Pannell Family,

As we take this time to reflect on the wonderful memories we shared with Leanne (Mrs. Pannell), we want to thank you for sharing her with us over the many years. It was a true joy to have her friendship. We will never forget how she impacted our lives as a friend, co-worker and teacher. At this time, you have our deepest sympathy. May God Bless.

Love,

*The Cook Family
(Patricia, Joe, Gracie & Paula)*

Patricia Adkins Cook - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM



“ *Amanda, This was a collection taken up at FOX 13. Everyone here has you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM



“ *TO: Jim, Jamie ,Warren,Jennifer and Amanda*

Your wife and mother was a ray of sunshine to everyone who had the priviledge and opportunity to have known her. Her genuine concern for the needs and feelings of others is a testimony as to the kind of person she was. She embraced people and made a difference in people lives by helping each person to understand how important each person is. My children, Cathea and Lanedra have often spoken of the occasions of visiting your home while they were growing up. She always made them like one of her own children. One of their fondest memories is of her giving them their first puppy (Twinkie). This act of kindness was just one of the many times that she was always giving something or of herself. I love you all and I ask know that God will strengthen you during this time.

Miriam Edgeston Anderson - November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM



“ *May they someday find a cure for this disease which contributed to the death of such a wonderful person.*

November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM



“ *In Memory of Mrs. Pannell--you will never know how many lives you touched over the years! You will be missed by so many.*

November 30, 1901 at 12:00 AM