

William Lee "Bill" Pearson

August 24, 1924 - June 29, 2015

William Lee "Bill" Pearson, 90, of Bloomington passed away peacefully at his home in the loving arms of his family on Monday, June 29, 2015. Bill was born on August 24, 1924 in Martinsville, IN, to the late Everett Vern and Christina Elizabeth (Nail) Pearson. He was a 1942 Graduate of Martinsville High School. After graduating, Bill went to Bremerton, WA where he was an Iron Worker for the Navy Shipyard. He then joined the U.S. Marine Corp, during WWII. He was a Corporal in the Artillery, serving in the South Pacific. Upon returning to Indiana he met and married Georgia E. Hendrickson on November 16, 1947 in Martinsville, IN. After their first date, he told the friend he was with that he was going to marry Georgia! After marrying and moving to Bloomington, Bill drove to Franklin, Indiana where he worked for Boyd Lemley Ford Dealership as Service Manager. In 1957, Bill and his brother Allan formed a partnership and worked together until Bill's retirement in 2005. The businesses they operated started with a Pure Oil Station, then Marathon Stations in Bloomington and Martinsville, and included Pearson Brothers AMC/Jeep/Renault Auto Dealership. Most of the years were spent as the Pearson Brothers Diagnostic Center in Martinsville, IN, which is still in existence today and operated by Bill's nephew Mark Pearson.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 18 in Bloomington, Bill had a great sense of humor and loved playing jokes and laughing, he loved history & politics, IU basketball, Pacers basketball, Johnny Cash, and telling stories, he especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and family. Bill never meet a stranger and was the kindest man one could ever hope to meet. He was a loved and trusted businessman and outstanding husband, father, and grandfather word cannot express the word we feel, the world lost a great hero.

Bill is survived by his wife;

Georgia E. Pearson, two sons; Brad L. (Diana) Pearson of Morgantown, IN, Craig W. (Kerry) Pearson of Bloomington, IN, Four grandchildren; Erin (Nick) Steury, Erik (Kelsey) Pearson, Lauren Pearson, all of Bloomington, IN, Grant Pearson of Greenwood, IN, two brothers; Allan Pearson Of Bloomington, IN, Larry Joe Pearson of Tampa, (FL), one sister; Kay Donna (Jim) Bryant of Southport, IN,

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers Richard, Don, and Bob Pearson, three sisters Nondas Jean, Delores Jane, and Barbara E Pearson.

Funeral Services will be at 3:00 pm on Friday, July 3, 2015 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 S. Old State Road 37; with the Rev. John Robertson officiating. Family will receive friends from 1 pm to service time Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Payne Cemetery.

Memorial can be made to the

Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

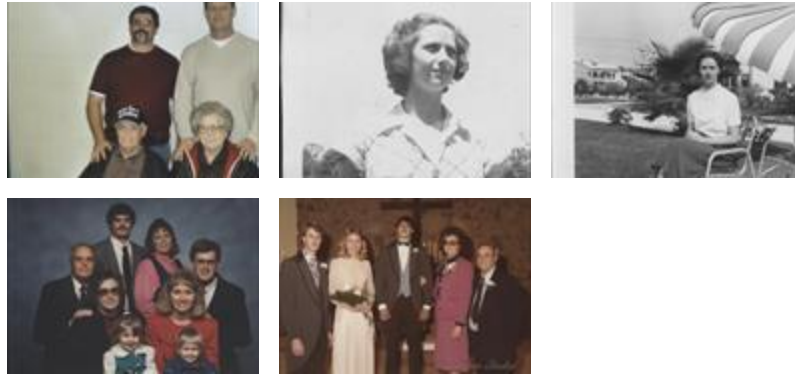
CP

“ I miss you and Mom and think of you daily. You were and still are in all our thoughts . I think of you when times get tough drawing on you and Mom's love of family and toughness.

Craig Pearson - March 03, 2022 at 01:06 PM

BP

“ 31 files added to the album New Album Name



Brad and Diana Pearson - January 25, 2018 at 03:51 PM

DP

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Diana Pearson - January 25, 2018 at 09:33 AM

KP

“ Hey Pop!! I want you to know I still miss you and think of you every day. Merry Christmas Pop. I love you.
Kerry

Kerry Pearson - December 22, 2017 at 11:06 AM

KA

“ A wonderful man, fun and the role model for me of what the best kind of man is. Good natured, family loving and he took on responsibility far more than what he ever had to. They need classes for today's male on the Bill Pearson Way. Love you Georgia and all.

Karen Harper - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

DA

“ I have very fond memories of Bill as we did business many years ago, and my father, Paul Vail, goes back even further with Pearson Brothers Services. What a fine gentleman! I pray God's peace and comfort for Bill's family.

Dave Vail - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

Jl

“ My deepest regrets on the loss of Bill to Georgia , Brad, Craig and their families.

*I have thought of Bill many times since I worked for him at the Diagnostic Center. There are a few people me come in contact as we travel through life that are an inspiration to us and I am proud to say Bill was one of those people to me. He was kind and generous and a great man to work for. I am only sorry I wasn't able to keep in contact with him as often as I would have liked. I will have my fond memories of Bill and I find no bad things to ever be said about him. I cherish all the stories Bill would tell about his time in the Military and the things he incountered ooverseas. All the crazy things that he experienced growing up. The fun we had at work as well as the long hard days at work. May God bless you all in your time of grief.
Sincerly, Jim Ham*

Jim Ham - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

CO

“ Uncle Bill you will forever hold a place in my heart. I have many fond memories of you and Aunt Georgia. You were that special uncle to all of your nieces and nephews. You opened your heart and your home to us all and made us feel special. Words can't express the loss that your passing brings. Always know that all those stories you told never fell on deaf ears. You were a kind, gentle and sweet man that never knew a stranger. I'm a better person for having known you.

Connie Schneider - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

DJ

“ Georgia, Brad, Craig and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We have so many fond memories of our many years as neighbors on Janet Drive, with our kids growing up together. Georgia, our prayers are with you as you try to cope with the loss of your companion.

Dot and Jerry Spore - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

KE

“ Dear Pop, I will miss you forever, your humor and wit and especially your smile. You were a dad to me after mine had left this earth and I will cherish and treasure always our last moment together. It was truly an honor and privilege to care for you these last few years and to be holding you in my arms as you left us. You were an amazing man and your legacy will live on in all that were blessed to know you forever. Goodnight Pop.....sleep tight.

Kerry Pearson - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM

WA

“ What a great guy. We used to call him the mayor of Morton Avenue. He always had a smile and a great story to tell. Condolences to Allan & Mark and the rest of the family from your long time Morton Avenue neighbors at Wayman's in Martinsville.

Wayman's Furniture & Appliances - October 26, 2015 at 03:58 PM