



William "Bill" Pearson

February 19, 1924 - August 9, 2019

William E. "Bill" Pearson, longtime resident of Terrell, passed away peacefully on Aug. 9, 2019 at his home. He was born Feb. 19, 1924 in Wildersville, Tenn. to John and Birdie (Wicks) Pearson, both of whom preceded him in death along with his brother, J.W. Pearson, twin sister, Edna Elizabeth Johns and sister, Geraldine Hodges.

Bill proudly served his country in the Air Force from 1942 to 1952 after which he was honorably discharged achieving the rank of First Lieutenant as Bombardier Navigator. During his enlistment, he met a beautiful young lady named Johnnet Yarger. On March 10, 1945 in Kerrville, Tx, they married and together they built a loving home for themselves and their children. In 1964, Bill and Johnnet moved to Terrell where his skillset as a landscaper and landscape architect enabled him to own and operate Pearson's Landscape and Nursery. While Bill's talent for growing anything was very evident to those who shopped at his nursery, he was best known for his ability to successfully cultivate, transplant and grow trees to help them stay healthy as they set their roots to grow strong for homes, businesses, school campuses and parks. Many areas in and around Terrell are still blessed with abundant shade trees and decorative trees that every resident and visitor still enjoy today. As big a part that landscaping played in Bill's life, the best part was being a husband to Johnnet and a father to his sons, Mike, Mark, Gary, Keith and Kyle. Bill's steadfast work ethic was one he was proud to demonstrate every day so that

his sons, in turn, became dedicated and committed in every endeavor that they became involved in during their lives. His wise advice and counsel was always welcome by his sons in every conversation as well as by the many friends Bill made during his life. His legacy is exactly like the beautiful trees he helped plant: strong in love for family and rooted in support of friends so as to be there for generations to come.

Bill leaves to celebrate his memory his wife of over 73 years, Johnnet Pearson of Terrell; sons: Mike Pearson and wife, Vicky, of Terrell, Mark Pearson and wife, Donna of Terrell, Gary Pearson and wife, Debi, of Terrell, Keith Pearson and wife, Pam, of Wills Point and Kyle and wife, Beverly, of Wills Point; numerous grandchildren, three bonus grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other extended family and a host of friends who loved him and will miss him dearly.

Graveside service will be 10 am, Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at Highland Memorial Gardens in Terrell with military honors. Family will receive friends 5 pm to 7 pm Monday, August 12, at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org or to the charity of your choice.

Bill's family would like to extend their gratitude to his wonderful caregivers, Karen Soto and her helpers for their incredible kindness.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Graveside Service

AUG **13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Highland Memorial Gardens
Hwy 34 North
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Pearson*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Debbie Milliken Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Pearson*



Debbie Milliken Martin - August 14, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ *Debbie Milliken Martin lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Pearson*



Debbie Milliken Martin - August 14, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *Jim & Yvonne Wynne sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Pearson*



Jim & Yvonne Wynne - August 13, 2019 at 10:02 PM

KG

“ Our deepest condolences to you Johnnet. Bill was such a great patient.

The staff at Dr. David Thomas III

kesa giles - August 13, 2019 at 12:19 PM

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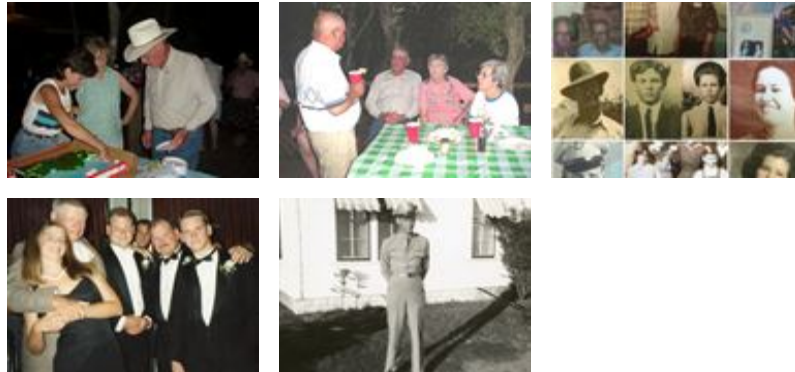
“ So sorry to hear about Bill, our prayers are with you Mark, Gary and the family

Mike & Linda Ferguson and all of us at Mitchell & Bourland

LINDA - August 13, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ 101 files added to the album Life Tributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - August 12, 2019 at 01:13 PM

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“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Pearson. By knowing how his sons turned out, he must have been an outstanding man. May we be blessed to have the amazing number of years on Earth as he has had. Rest in peace, Mr. Pearson.



Sharon Stanford - August 12, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ Bill was a great guy....part of a wonderful duet of Johnnie and Bill. Always hard to lose good folks. Blessings on the family!

Don Burnes - August 11, 2019 at 09:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Pearson.



August 11, 2019 at 06:41 PM



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August 11, 2019 at 12:50 PM

SS

“ Sorry to hear of your Dads passing . Rest Easy

Strick Strickland - August 10, 2019 at 12:46 PM

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“ He was a good one

Sammy Turner - August 10, 2019 at 11:54 AM

JD

“ Many thought and prayers for all the Pearson family. 🙏💜

John and Anne Davidson - August 10, 2019 at 09:28 AM

KK

“ Deepest sympathy to the family. Kay Martin Krebs

Kay Martin Krebs - August 10, 2019 at 08:40 AM