



Gary S. Pearson

October 17, 2013

Pearson, Gary S. age 60, of Wadena, MN passed away unexpectedly on 10/17/13. Preceded in death by his father, Gerald; brother-in-law, Mark Peters; mother and father-in-law, Vergie and Martin Peters. Survived by loving wife of 35 years, Renee; daughter, Jordana; son, Matthew; grandson, Cole; mother, Marlene Pearson; brothers, Jerry and Bill (Beverly); his North Memorial Family; other family and many friends. Gary was a graduate of Cooper High School in Robbinsdale who then served in the U.S. Marines. He began his career as an EMT in Brainerd and also was a part-time Police Officer in Wadena from 1978-1983. A 26-year employee of North Memorial Medical Center, Gary was serving as the Director of Out-state Ambulance Operations. He currently is an Adjunct Professor in the Management Program at the College of St. Scholastic and is also serving on the MN State Trauma Advisory Council, State Stroke Committee and a Board member with the MN Ambulance Assoc. In 2010, Gary was appointed by then Governor Tim Pawlenty to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board. He also spent 20 years as affiliate faculty for the American Heart Assoc., ACLS Program, was Region IV past president of the MN EMT Assoc., was the first president of the MN Assoc. of EMS educators, and previously was the coordinator for the EMS program at Wadena Technical College. Gary was a sportsman who loved the outdoors including hunting, fishing, archery and bowling. He most enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandson Cole. Memorial service Thursday 10/24 at 11:00 AM at Calvary

Lutheran Church, 7520 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church and also Wednesday 10/23 from 4-8 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal

Tribute Wall

“ Gary Pearson, what a good guy ! I was saddened to learn of his death from a North Memorial Paramedic when she brought a patient to United Hospital in St. Paul where I now work as an emergency room nurse. Gary is responsible for me begin in the Emergency Medical Field. Many years ago.....I think in 1978 or sometime around there I took an EMT Course offered by Wadena Vo Tech School. It was taught up in the northwoods of the Chippewa National Forest at the Bald Eagle Center which used to be north of highway 2 and Bena , MN. It was a course geared to the outdoors person. At that time I was teaching at Red Lake Reservation but had my sights on moving to Alaska and living in the wilderness. Plus I wanted to know what to do if injured or sick or if anyone around me was injured or sick. I was already hiking, camping, going on BWCA trips , and so on. So I took the class. He was our instructor. Then they wanted me on the local ambulance. That was not my plan. But I helped one day when they did not have enough to man the ambulance. And the bug bit me. Then I was named as the new director for Leech Lake Ambulance. (Gary started that ambulance for the Leech Lake Reservation) When I became director I was also teaching CPR for the area, and was a field Rep. For the Department of Health setting up disaster drills, and helping test out new EMT's. Gary set up a paramedic class for outstate EMT's in Crosby. He talked me into taking it. I told him that i could not do that and be a new ambulance director and do all the other things I was doing. Well he said " Yes you can, I do 5 jobs right now, so you can do it " ! So I did. Got my paramedic and worked at many ambulances in the metro. There were not many up north yet. And then finally became a registered nurse. So it was Gary that talked me into becoming an Emergency Medical Person full time. I am saddened by the news of his death. He went much too soon. When I think North Ambulance I think Gary. He was a good friend as well as a good person for the EMS world and is greatly missed . I am so sorry he is gone. Take care. I know it has been a year since his passing but I just found out. So so sorry. I will always remember him with very fond memories.

Jean E. Kelley - January 02, 2015 at 06:48 PM

BF

“ So saddened by the news of Gary's passing. He was an upstanding kind guy and his presence will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Barb Fadden (North Memorial)

Barb Fadden - October 23, 2013 at 08:04 AM

CM

“ Carol Mills lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson



Carol Mills - October 22, 2013 at 07:55 PM

 Colette
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Larson

“ My heart breaks for his family! He was more than just another a boss. He treated everyone with respect and he brought so much to the world of EMS. It was an honor to have worked with you and to be able to call you my friend.

Colette Woitas Larson - October 22, 2013 at 03:51 PM

 Shelli
Urness

“ I am sick with sadness and grief to read of Gary's passing. He was an excellent instructor and mentor when I completed my M.A. through the College of St. Scholastica. He acted as a professional reference for me as well. All of his family is in my thoughts and prayers. He was a great man.

-Shelli Urness

Shelli Urness - October 22, 2013 at 03:44 PM

CT

“ I was fortunate to be a student in one of Gary's classes. I thought of the lessons he taught me several times as I made decisions about HR issues with my staff. He made me a better person and a better leader.

Carrie Tripp - October 22, 2013 at 06:51 AM

BG

“ Gary was a gem, he was my first professor when I started back to school at St. Scholastica. He had the ability to take a less than exciting subject and turn it into a semester full of aha moments. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Beth Gruber

Beth Gruber - October 21, 2013 at 06:14 PM

DT

“ Will miss shooting archery with you and our little visits

David Trout - October 21, 2013 at 01:42 PM

SR

“ If I needed advice Gary was Just a phone call away he led by example.

Scott Rian - October 21, 2013 at 11:15 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gary S. Pearson.



October 21, 2013 at 10:40 AM

CO

“ Gary was such an asset to The College of St. Scholastica. He was a caring and knowledgeable instructor who the students really connected with. We are grateful for the time we had to get to know him, and we send prayers for comfort and peace to his family.

*Cindy Olson
St. Paul Campus*

Cindy Olson - October 21, 2013 at 09:44 AM

DM

“ Darold And Ilean Moore lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson



Darold and Ilean Moore - October 20, 2013 at 04:55 PM

DM

Rena, Matthew, Jordan and Cole, We also loved Gary for his patience and loving care for each of us and the fun times with had with you. Always remember working together and fishing together.

Darold and Ilean Moore - October 20, 2013 at 04:57 PM

DH

“ Dereck And Traci Haapala lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson



Dereck and Traci Haapala - October 19, 2013 at 10:43 PM

SP

“ I remember one of my first hunting trips I made was with Gary and my dad, hunting sucked but I had a good time, sorry to see him go.

shawn peters - October 19, 2013 at 10:20 PM

CJ

“ Cole And Jordana lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson



Cole and Jordana - October 19, 2013 at 08:16 PM

DA

“ We will be forever grateful for the time we spent with Gary, who so generously taught us the art of Northwoods fishing, and of having patience when they weren't biting. You will always be our only Guide, and we will miss you terribly and think of you with every cast, Alex, Adam, Debby and Dave



Dave, Deb, Adam and Alex - October 19, 2013 at 01:22 PM

MM

“ Gary was a special member of our archery club. His pleasant personality and big smile will be missed. We feel that the club has lost a valuable member of our club. Elroy Podratz, Sec/Treas.

Mit-ti-Quab Archery Club, Wadena, MN - October 19, 2013 at 08:22 AM

MM

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Mit-ti-Quab Archery Club, Wadena, MN - October 19, 2013 at 08:19 AM

MM

“ *Mit-ti-Quab Archery Club, Wadena, MN lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson*



Mit-ti-Quab Archery Club, Wadena, MN - October 19, 2013 at 07:59 AM

JT

“ *Renee, Jordan, Matt & Cole-*

Our hearts go out to all of you.. Andrew and I are thinking of all of you and praying for the strength and courage you need for the coming days.

*Love,
Jenny and Andrew*

Jenny Trebiatowski - October 18, 2013 at 12:10 PM

AA

“ Gary was one of my favorite instructors in my master's program! I so admire his insight, wisdom, and ability to be a meaningful mentor. His generosity in sharing his talents with others was a true gift. He will be greatly missed.

Amie Anderson, Brainerd

Amie Anderson - October 18, 2013 at 12:01 PM



“ Jennifer Jones lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson



Jennifer Jones - October 18, 2013 at 11:28 AM

RP

“ Robert Peters lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson



Robert Peters - October 18, 2013 at 11:15 AM



“ St. Cloud Campus lit a candle in memory of Gary S. Pearson



St. Cloud Campus - October 18, 2013 at 11:13 AM