



John Gillie Pearson

April 4, 1929 - January 25, 2016

Age 86 of St. Paul. Died January 25, 2016 from myelodysplasia. Jack graduated from Murray HS, Gustavus College and St. Mary's grad school. He was a teacher at Murray and Como Park for over 30 years and HS hockey coach for Murray HS. Survived by his wife of 58 years, Beverly; sons, Joe, Jon and James; daughter, Amy Peterson; grandchildren, Joe Jr., Stuart, Jackson, Ellice, Alexandra, Abigail and Lillian; sisters, Bonnie Burns, Margaret Lundberg and Judy Palmquist. Visitation 6-8PM Sunday, January 31 and Memorial Service 11AM (visitation begins at 10AM) Monday, February 1, all at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W., Shoreview. Interment Fort Snelling. Memorials preferred to Langford Park Hockey Program or HealthPartners Hospice.

Tribute Wall

LL

“ Dear Pearson family , Your Dad was my 7th grade teacher at Murray I have always remember him as outstanding & great teaching skills . It was a pleasure having your family as our neighbors on Chelmsford st. too . Wishing your family strength & peace . The Lecy Family

Lynda & Duane Levy - February 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Joe and family. I'm so sorry to hear of this loss and for his time suffering. Jack and Bev cam to Scotts and my wedding and gave us a set of canisters that we still have. I think of them every time I use them because of how useful they've become in our lives. funny that canisters did that. 😊 May God give you peace in this time and I hope that u can take comfort in those around you. Prayers to you all. Love. The Kroona's. (By the way our son is also named John. We call him Jack cause all Jjacks are cool...don't you think!

Patty Kroona - February 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Sorry for your loss. Great memories...Murray High and football. Jack was a great coach, teacher, and mentor.

Harry Strandquist - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ January 31, 2016 I went skating this fine Sunday morning and watched kids (boys and girls) playing pick up hockey, and thought of Jack. He was my first coach as a kid, starting on the Langford Park rink and through Murray junior varsity. Jack gave so much time to so many of us; he gave us toughness - and love; moulded us as young men. It's one of the reasons so many of us kept in touch over the years. One of the big influences in my life. My tenderest thoughts to Bev, Joe, Jim John and Amy, and to all, be good and kind to one another. Greg Page

Greg Page - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ So very sorry

Mari Jenson - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Lots of memories of coach Pearson. Most memorable was back in 1977 playing hockey for the pilots, we played Johnson high he told us before the game, if we win I'll buy you guys a steak dinner! Guess what, we won. First time in many years we beat Johnson. He had the biggest smile I have ever seen from him! We made him proud! Also all the time he would pick up my brother Mike and I on Saturday mornings to go practice at OJ arena for practices. Cold as hell in that place! Had to wear gloves inside the gloves!!! The Garvey drill! All the cross rinks!!! Rip coach!

Bob Stary - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Jack use to sell me Hockey Sticks for \$2.50 Ea. back in the day, I can only see now that it was because times were tough back then and money was hard to come by but Jack wanted all us kids to play Hockey and stay out of trouble, he really cared about us kids and our educations also. I am going to miss Jack knuckling me in the head on some days also, Love you Mr. Pearson and may your Spirit Live On Forever.

Randy Rousslang - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Amy and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. Having experienced the loss of our own fathers, we can in some sense understand a little bit of what you are going through. May God comfort and continue to be with you all. ~Cher & Skip

Cher - January 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Saddened to read the news about Jack. Fond and vivid memories that went beyond high school. Always enjoyed the visits Pete Hakensen and I had with him and Bev whenever I returned to St. Paul. An iconic and one of a kind guy who made a lasting impression on many of us. I was fortunate to know him. Wishing you the best.

TJ Spooner - January 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ One of the good guys! Always respected him as a teacher. Also one of the reasons I still play ice hockey at the age of 56. RIP Big Jack!

Jack Mangan - January 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Fondly remembered from our years in the Park.

Dale & Shelby Bergland - January 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NS

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Nancy Johnson (Nan McNamara Schnebly) - January 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Nancy Johnson (Nan McNamara Schnebly) - January 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Beverly and family, Since high school I have carried with me the fondest memories of Jack as a teacher and one of the most influential mentors for all students at Murray. He cared about everyone, acknowledging you whether in the school halls or out walking or out in the community. God Bless your family and may the memories comfort you during this time of loss. He will forever be in our hearts.

Debbie Johnson (Roland) - January 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Beverly, Amy and rest of Pearson family: So sorry for your loss; prayers to you and your family.

Alice Elliott Parrish - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I had Mr Pearson for Science at Murray High School. He was a hardass, but I learned a great deal from him. Like, don't fan yourself on a hot day because all it does is create more heat and wastes your energy. I'll also remember him as a dedicated coach and loving dad to all the kids that hung out either in or around the house or at Langford. I'm so sorry for your loss. Respectfully, Jeni Pomeroy Wolff

Jennifer Pomeroy - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of loss. Jack & my Dad (Jerry Heaton) & my uncle Ron Heaton, were high school friends, and I'm hoping they are having a great party in heaven with people like Dick Roland and the rest of that group of guys. Take care of you all.

Suzanne Heaton - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ So sorry for your loss prayers to your family

Carrie Parrott - January 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM