



Mary Rita Pearson

February 2, 1952 - May 21, 2022

We are deeply saddened at the death of our beloved Mary Rita Pearson, 70 years young, of New Brighton, Minnesota. After 11 years diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis with little to no symptoms, the disease hit full force this past year, resulting in her passing May 21 in the hospital.

Mary leaves behind her husband and dearest companion of 50 years Brian Pearson, her son Ben Pearson, her granddaughter Britney Pearson, her grandsons Adam, Jack, and Liam Pearson, niece Eileen Carlson, great granddaughter Ivy McGee, brother Joe Wood, along with extended family and countless friends - human and canine. Mary is preceded in death by her father Jack Wood, mother Rita Wood, son Shawn Pearson, and sister Cathy Fyle.

Mary was born in Minneapolis, spent some of her young life in Indiana, but the vast majority of her life in Minnesota. She graduated from Cotter High School 1978 in Winona where she met Brian and established many of her lifelong friendships. She and Brian moved to Minneapolis where they began their journey as parents with Sean and Ben, then later moving to New Brighton. She attended nursing school in St. Paul and practiced as an LPN at U of M Hospital. Her love for children and her nurturing spirit led her to work at Camden Preschool in North Minneapolis, touching the minds and hearts of hundreds of children and families for ? years. She returned to nursing at Children's Hospital where she further spread her love and spirit, until recently

retiring.

Mary and Brian took many wonderful trips together over the years, not all including the motorcycle! She loved spending time with her grandchildren, gardening, partying with friends, and bargain hunting! Her home and heart were always open to all who were lucky enough to know her. She never judged anyone and made everyone feel special. Her exceptional kindness was limitless and she always put others before herself even hours before she passed. Mary will be desperately missed by all those that she's left behind. Our hearts are so broken by this unexpected loss. She was one of a kind and to be loved by her was to be truly blessed. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to family.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Friday, June 3 at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel 2610 19th Avenue NE, 55418. Visitation 10:00-11:00, service at 11:00, followed by a luncheon at the Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

JUN 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Mary Rita Pearson in memory of Mary Rita Pearson



Washburn-McReavy - June 02, 2022 at 12:14 PM

BB

“ What impressed me about Mary Rita?

- 1) Her uncanny rapport with little kids;
- 2) Her devotion to her mother Rita;
- 3) Her zest for life

Last Thanksgiving Mary teleconferenced us from her hospital bed - after literally breaking her neck from a fall after, I understand, blacking out from lack of oxygen She had the biggest, most beautiful smile from that hospital bed. Afterwards I pointed out how happy she looked with that big smile, where I would look distraught and miserable in her situation. Mary answered she was smiling because she was happy she was still alive.

Bev Berg

Bev Berg - June 02, 2022 at 03:40 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Bev Berg - June 02, 2022 at 03:22 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bev Berg - June 02, 2022 at 12:54 PM

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“ *Brian, We are very sorry to hear of Mary's passing and share in the sadness of her loss. Wishing you the best in the days and weeks to come. Phil and Kathy Brenner*

Kathy - June 01, 2022 at 02:59 PM

KO

“ *Brian & Family,
Remembering with you someone so special.
Mary was such a warm, caring and fun lady.
Thank God for the gift of Mary!
Koreen, Mark & Family*

Koreen - May 31, 2022 at 01:41 PM

MS

“ I was blessed to meet Mary Rita when my son, Ben met Alicia. Mary was such a kind, funny, sweet person. My thoughts are with Brian and the family, May her memory be a blessing to all of those who knew and loved her.

Mollie Schierman

Mollie Schierman - May 25, 2022 at 03:36 PM

SM

Hi Brain so so sorry about Mary's passing. That was such a shock. I loved her dearly. She drove me wild at times. I will never forget the times we had. Rest in Peace Mary Rita

Steve Michaelis - June 01, 2022 at 08:54 PM