



## Wayne C. Pearson

November 19, 1925 - June 8, 2018

Wayne Charles Pearson passed away on Friday, June 8, 2018, in Comfort Care at Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls after suffering a stroke in May.

Wayne was born on November 19, 1925, in Alpha, the son of the late Charles and Signe (Hanson) Pearson. He graduated in 1943 from the Porter School in Alpha. He was drafted into the Army Air Force in 1944 and assigned to the 306th Bomb Group in Thurleigh, England. As a tail gunner in a B-17, he flew eight missions over Germany. When the war ended, he served the rest of his military service taking aerial photos to map Spain and North Africa.

Wayne took his bride, the former Evelyn Yoki, off the farm and married her on October 20, 1951. Last fall they celebrated 66 years of marriage. They built a home in Racine, Wis., where they raised their three children and later moved to the town of Brookfield, Wis. Wayne worked in the Milwaukee area as a dispatcher for Wisconsin Electric and was on a team responsible for the operation and repair of power lines to homes and businesses. He retired in 1988 with 36 years of service and moved back to the Crystal Falls area.

Wayne had a good sense of humor and was a tease, just like his dad. He was a life-long learner and enjoyed trying new things including learning to weld, play the organ and building a wooden boat. He attained his private pilot's

license under the G.I. Bill. He was a member of EAA for 50 years and active in his Wisconsin chapter where he flew a Piper J-3 Cub. He loved to read books, magazines, newspapers, manuals and, of course, always directions. He was an avid photographer, loved the outdoors, camping, sightseeing, listening to the radio and he loved keeping the family cars in tip top shape.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Charlene Speigel and his brother-in-law Joe Speigel.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn; three children, Dale (Carol) Pearson of Green Bay, Wis., Gene Pearson of Coon Rapids, Minn., and Diane (Danny Ostrowski) Pearson of Minneapolis, Minn.; two grandchildren, Peter (Zara Wladawsky) Pearson of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Greta (Joe) Scaffidi of Eleva, Wis.; three great granddaughters Lily, Harmony and Melody Scaffidi; two nieces, Karen Tatepo and Kris Speigel both of Milwaukee; and extended family and friends.

The visitation will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am at Wayne's home church, United Lutheran in Crystal Falls. The Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. The Eastside Veterans Council will conduct a Military Pass in Review at 10:45 am.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the United Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Condolences to the family of Wayne C. Pearson may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

Jl

“ Wayne always made me feel welcome during my many visits to the Pearsons in Racine, he was quick to joke and he always made sure I was included in the conversation. I can still picture him in his coveralls, working on some car or motorcycle and I think I remember a riding lawnmower though the lawn was so tiny that could be my imagination. Then again, he may have owned it just so that he had something else to tinker with.

I also remember joining the Pearsons on shopping excursions to the mall and was often surprised to learn that more than one mall was on the agenda. He probably wasn't as interested as we were in the actual shopping but he still showed the stamina for it. And he always had reading material nearby, especially if it included some of his favorite celebrities like Dolly Parton or J-Lo. Wayne's interests were very diverse, and he will be missed by us all.

*Jill Klysen, Milwaukee WI*

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**Jill** - June 16, 2018 at 08:59 AM

JP

“ Good bye my dear friend... Your Lady Barber Josie is missing you coming in for a haircut...27 years is a lot of haircuts...I am glad I visited you and gave your last one to you...you'll look better on your new journey..😁...thanks for the memories!!!!

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**Josie Principe** - June 14, 2018 at 03:34 PM

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**Dale Pearson** - June 13, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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**Dale Pearson** - June 13, 2018 at 05:05 PM

MS

“ I am sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Years ago he used to mark all the rocks on Indian Lake that were dangerous to boaters. He earned the nickname, the "Mayor of Indian Lake". We will miss our mayor. - Mike Sturm

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**Mike Sturm** - June 13, 2018 at 09:33 AM

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“ I lived nextdoor to the Pearson's as a kid and have many fond memories. Initially I remember Mr. Pearson being very tall and a man of few words with shiny silver hair we could touch whenever he got a fresh buzzcut--which seemed like every other week. Also, loved the variety of Volvos and am torn between the late 60's navy blue or late 70's yellow one being my favorite.



*Playing at their house was fun whether it was in the boat, camper or tent but, make sure you're not caught playing on the metal doors to the basement! That was a no no we snuck it in when we dared. I remember washing the boat out after they came back from a holiday in the UP and thinking it was the best summer fun!*

*Mr. Pearson provided me with an amazing gift of paper he brought home from work. With schematics on one side and blank on the other--perfect for a budding artist! I still have some of the drawings I did on that paper.*

*Thanks for being an influence in my life Mr. Pearson. Blessings and hugs to the family.*

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**susanK.** - June 12, 2018 at 04:37 PM