



Margaret Pearson

July 26, 2012

Pearson

Margaret Audrey (Punnewaert) Pearson, a resident of Wallaceburg, passed away peacefully in Chatham on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at the age of 80. Marg is the daughter of the late Maurice & Madeline (Seys) Punnewaert. Beloved wife of Hugh. Loving mother of Pat & her husband Bill Leask of Ottawa. Dear grandmother of Greg Leask of Port Elgin and Sarah of Montreal. Sister of Mary McGee and Joseph Punnewaert. Marg is the former secretary for Dr. Booth and the Margaret Avenue Clinic. She enjoyed cards, her friends at Bridge Club, crafts, knitting and her crossword puzzles. The family will receive relatives and friends at the HAYCOCK-CAVANAGH FUNERAL HOME, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg from 2-4 & 7-9 PM on Sunday. The funeral will be celebrated at the funeral home on Monday, July 30 at 1:30 PM. Marg's cremated remains will be interred in Riverview Cemetery at a later date. If desired, remembrances to Knox Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or the Lung Association may be left at the funeral home. 519.627.3231. Online tributes may be left at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Pearson



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - July 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret Pearson

January 29, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Margeret Pearson



Marcie & Henk Van Der Heyden-Seminck - August 04, 2012 at 01:43 PM



“ Marcie and Henk Van Der Heyden-Semink, Belgium



Marcie & Henk Van Der Heyden-Seminck - August 04, 2012 at 01:40 PM

MH

“ *Just got back from our holiday and then I heard the sad news of Margeret Marcie and Henk from Belgium*



Marcie and Henk Van Der Heyden-Seminck - August 04, 2012 at 01:08 PM

MR

“ *Mary De Roevem lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



mary de roevem - August 04, 2012 at 12:49 PM

ED

“ *So sorry to hear the news. Marg was always a special person and had a great sense of fun. I remember all the good times we had at Margaret Ave Clinic. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hugh and family. Sorry we could not be with you at the funeral as I would have liked Emer and Dale Dudley*

Emer&Dale Dudley - August 01, 2012 at 07:34 AM

CA

“ *Pat, Bill, Greg and Sarah:
Sincere condolences on your loss from your CSTA family. Over time may happy memories overcome sadness and smiles and laughter overcome tears. All the best to you all as you cope with your loss.*

Canadian Seed Trade Association - July 31, 2012 at 01:58 PM

JC

“ *John Varga & The Staff Of Southwest Chry lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



John Varga & The Staff of Southwest Chry - July 31, 2012 at 10:50 AM

JH

“ *Julie Hazzard lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Julie Hazzard - July 31, 2012 at 06:42 AM



“ The following are the words my father, Bill, shared at the funeral

"Good afternoon.

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to make a few comments about the time that I have known Marg.

When I first got to know Marg, we quickly found common ground because we could easily identify with her early years as her start in life was very similar to my own. Growing up in a rural home life, you had to create your own fun and entertainment with what you had. farm animals became pets, activities such a fishing or playing games with friends and siblings gave one a strong appreciation of how to enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

The irony is that, unlike many urban cousins, who had other entertainment choices that were taken for granted, when they came to visit I could not understand why they felt sorry for us. Looking back to those early years, we do not recall hearing the term "I am bored". If you felt that way, that was your problem to do something about. I felt sorry for my urban cousins who were concerned about being bored from time to time. This is an early life experience that had a huge part of shaping Marg's values for a lifetime.

I came on the scene in Wallaceburg in 1976 and got to know Pat after a few years. Now I am sure that all the guys can recall the awkward experience of phoning to ask for the first date. I am also sure it became evident to all that knew Pat that her voice and speech were the same as her mother's.

I did not know that!

You can imagine my confusion and embarrassment as I tried to sort out who I was talking to when asking for a first date.

Pat and I had the good fortune, through my employment, to take an

annual business trip somewhere in the world.

In addition to the annual get together at Christmas, Easter and Birthdays, there was a standing offer from grandma and grandpa, to come to Ottawa to take care of the grandchildren. For almost 20 years, they were more than grandparents to Greg and Sarah. For a few weeks, they were mom and dad dealing with the childhood illnesses and menu complaints but also sharing the joy of an award ceremony, winning a soccer game or being instructed by a two year old on how to be "tucked in" at night.

As an example of her desire to capture the details of each day, Marg kept a diary of the day's activities. While much is a log of weather and daily activities, Pat and I particularly enjoyed the many humorous comments and stories when being mom and dad with Greg and Sarah.

Marg was very aware that the grandchildren were very computer savvy and she was going to be part to that. She was fully equipped with the email, Skype, FaceTime and a proficient iPad user. I particularly recall when she was in London hospital just last May. It was after 9:00 o'clock and the lights were turned out in the hospital ward but Marg was sitting in bed with the iPad lighting her face. Using earphones, she was connected to the hospital WiFi watching the London Knights playoff hockey game. Nurses were dropping by to check the score and left the room asking "Who is this person?"

Marg would be very pleased if we celebrate her life by following her example. I have prepared a few rules that Marg would live by:

Live each day with a smile on your face and a twinkle in your eye.

Each day, gather and cherish the little treasures. Such treasures include: innocent comments from a child, exchanging pleasantries with a friend, thumping the bridge opponents with a grand slam, catching the big fish or the daily limit.

Greet each person by praising their virtues but, from time to time, when you need to kick someone in the butt, do it with a smile.

Go easy on confused guys trying to date your daughter; one may become your son in law.

Have fun!

We will miss Marg but always remember her."

Greg Leask - July 30, 2012 at 04:16 PM

BF

“ *Barry & Linda Mc Fadden lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Barry & Linda Mc Fadden - July 30, 2012 at 10:00 AM

SP

“ *Stewart & Marjorie Pearson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Stewart & Marjorie Pearson - July 30, 2012 at 09:54 AM

CM

“ 1 file added to the album Margaret Pearson



Carole Embury McFadden - July 29, 2012 at 09:36 PM

CM

“ Carole Embury McFadden lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson



Carole Embury McFadden - July 29, 2012 at 09:25 PM

NJ

“ Dear Hugh and Family, please accept our sincere condolences in the loss of such a lovely lady. She will be sorely missed, heaven will be the lucky one here. Dick and Norma James

Norma James - July 29, 2012 at 02:58 PM

B(

“ Dear Pat and Family I was sad to hear of the death of your Mom. I immediately thought about our school days and the many times I saw your Mom over those years and her pleasant smile. Wishing her peace and you lots of peace through fond memories. Becky Stoliker (Skinner)

Becky Stoliker (Skinner) - July 29, 2012 at 02:21 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Margaret Pearson



Greg Leask - July 29, 2012 at 09:51 AM

SB

“ Dear Pat and family
Deepest sympathy on your loss
Elizabeth told me on Thursday
Thinking of you
Sue Boyd Arundel QC

Sue Boyd - July 29, 2012 at 08:15 AM

RW

“ Robin Ramer & Bob Weaver lit a candle in
memory of Margaret Pearson



Robin Ramer & Bob Weaver - July 29, 2012 at 06:43 AM

BP

“ *Bill And Janice Pearson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Bill and Janice Pearson - July 28, 2012 at 11:43 PM



“ *Arlene And Bill Lauwers lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Arlene and Bill Lauwers - July 28, 2012 at 06:17 PM

MO

“ I will always remember Marg. She had a lilt in her voice and a twinkle in her eyes.

Marg spoke often and lovingly of Greg and Sarah, and was SO very proud of both her grandchildren. She and Hugh were so compatible toward one another, and so hospitable to their guests. So often while living at Tarpon Lakeview, Marg would deliver delicious, piping hot, rolls or bread right at our dinner time. She was so thoughtful and generous.

I always admired the genuine friendship and admiration Marg felt toward Pat and Bill.

She was your Mom, but also your very best friend.

Recently, while we talked on Skype, Marg spoke of her appreciation for all her sister Mary has done for her, not only during her long confinement, but always. I know you will all miss her terribly.

Believe me when I say, I have lost a good friend and will miss having her in my life. I will treasure the photos she shared with me...especially the one on the motorcycle !

My love to Hugh. God bless...

Mary Ann O'Brien

Goodyear, Az.

Mary Ann O'Brien - July 28, 2012 at 04:04 PM

CL

“ Connie And Chuck Langstaff lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson



Connie and Chuck Langstaff - July 28, 2012 at 02:12 PM

BL

“ *Marg will be missed by many. We are so sorry of your loss. You have our sympathy.*
Bun and Rose Marie Lozon



Bun and Rose Marie Lozon - July 28, 2012 at 01:03 PM

JS

“ *John And Linda Seys lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



John and Linda Seys - July 28, 2012 at 12:31 PM

VW

“ *Vic, Laurette, Henk, Marcie - Wetteren lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Vic, Laurette, Henk, Marcie - Wetteren - July 28, 2012 at 11:05 AM

VW

“ *Vic, Laurette, Henk, Marcie - Wetteren lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Vic, Laurette, Henk, Marcie - Wetteren - July 28, 2012 at 11:00 AM

MP

“ *Mitzi Pearson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Mitzi Pearson - July 28, 2012 at 10:54 AM

AM

“ *Ariel Mann lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Ariel Mann - July 28, 2012 at 09:56 AM

CL

“ *Chuck& Betty Lauwereys lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Chuck& Betty Lauwereys - July 28, 2012 at 09:32 AM

DC

“ *David And Ann Cram lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



David and Ann Cram - July 28, 2012 at 09:05 AM

BA

“ *Bill And Marlene Asselstine lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Bill and Marlene Asselstine - July 28, 2012 at 08:30 AM

CH

“ *She was a very nice woman and always had a smile on her face every sunday in church she will be missed*

Carol-Ann and Leonard Howe - July 28, 2012 at 08:27 AM

CH

“ *Carol-Ann And Leonard Howe lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Carol-Ann and Leonard Howe - July 28, 2012 at 08:26 AM

EJ

“ *Eric And Sandra Johnston lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Eric and Sandra Johnston - July 28, 2012 at 08:10 AM

KB

“ Sending our sincere sympathy to all the family at this very difficult time.

Love Kathleen Pearson Betts & Family

Kathleen Pearson Betts - July 28, 2012 at 07:50 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Hugh and family at this sad time.

Ken and Royanne McRae

Ken McRae - July 28, 2012 at 07:28 AM

CM

“ *Cindy And Tino Mussio lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Cindy and Tino Mussio - July 28, 2012 at 06:46 AM

CM

We join with so many others who knew Marg to offer our deepest sympathies to Hugh and to Pat and her family. The measure of a life well-lived is not in how much money one has or what possessions they have accumulated, but rather through the lives they touched and the sorrow they leave behind. She was always so delightful, with a lovely warm smile, a twinkle in her eye, and kind word to greet you. She carried herself with grace, compassion and dignity. May you find comfort knowing she will be missed by all who knew her.

Cindy and Tino Mussio - July 28, 2012 at 06:59 AM

MA

“ How saddened we were to hear of Marg's passing. We, too wintered at Tarpon Lakeview & became close friends with Marg & Hugh. What fond memories we hold in our hearts of that dear lady. After Hugh & Marg no longer wintered in FL. we kept up our friendship via email. How we will miss those newsy emails from Marg. Our sympathy goes out to Hugh and family. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Chike & Maureen Archibald, Moline, IL.

Maureen Archibald - July 27, 2012 at 09:00 PM

JW

“ *Jim,Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Jim,Brenda Wilson - July 27, 2012 at 08:55 PM

JW

Margaret was a wonderful woman. I've known her since she worked at Margaret Ave Clinic. She always remembered me and had a smile. Our deepest sympathies to the Pearson family.

Jim,Brenda Wilson - July 27, 2012 at 08:58 PM

LA

“ *Leonard Atkins lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Leonard Atkins - July 27, 2012 at 08:47 PM

BS

“ *Brenda Stokes lit a candle in memory of Margaret Pearson*



Brenda Stokes - July 27, 2012 at 08:36 PM

KM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Hugh and family during this time of sadness.*

Ken and Royanne McRae

Ken McRae - July 27, 2012 at 06:55 PM

PJ

“ *To all the Pearsons,
We share your sympathy for a wonderful person. We have known her since our winters at Tarpon Lakeview with her and Hugh. She was so special and we will always remember her kindness when we lost our son Mark in 2002 at age 37 in North Carolina. I loved talking too her and knew she was haaving surgery on that hip that was postponed for a month. Our love is sent to Hugh who must be devistated with this news.
Please let us know where he will be after the memorial service so my husband John and I may be able to speak to him.
Our love and deepest sympathy to Hugh and Pat and family,
John and Pat Joensen*

Patricia Joensen - July 27, 2012 at 05:36 PM

JT

“ *Jack And Kim Thomaes lit a candle in
memory of Margaret Pearson*



Jack and Kim Thomaes - July 27, 2012 at 04:59 PM