



## Mary Ann Pearson

October 31, 1933 - July 18, 2020

Mary Ann Pearson, 86, of Waldorf, Maryland, passed away on July 18, 2020 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata.

Born on October 31, 1933 in Dahlgren, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Mary Evelyn Tomberlin, Sydney Wade Gillispie and stepdaughter of the late Carl Harris Tomberlin.

She was married to Charles Robert (Bobby) Pearson on August 22 1954 and had four children. In addition to her parents, Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband Bobby and brother Frank Gillispie.

Mary Ann is survived by her sister, Louise Tomberlin Pyles of Brandywine MD and children Charles (Chuck) Robert Pearson Jr. and his wife Donna of Hughesville, MD, Connie Wood and her husband Pat of Waldorf, MD, Cindy Swann and her husband Dale of Waldorf, MD, and John Pearson and his wife Diana of Waldorf, MD. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

A Lackey High School graduate of 1951, she was a life long resident of Charles County living in Indian Head, Marbury and eventually moving to Waldorf. She had a very colorful history of jobs and experience over the years starting as a decorated secretary for Safeway Head Quarters in Anacostia; wrote the Waldorf news column for the Time Crescent newspaper; worked in

the billing office at the Waldorf Sanitation Company and was one of the first cab drivers based in Waldorf. She drove a school bus for Charles County for over 15 years and worked in the school system as a cafeteria worker as well as a substitute teacher. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, playing cards and loved watching her TV shows. Her daily routine included mandatory watching of Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy and would throw in a couple Hallmark and old black and white movies each day for good measure. We marveled at how good she was at Wheel of Fortune and often told her she should go on the show. More than anything, she loved to be surrounded by her family. She loved all people – the more the merrier. She could light up a room of strangers and, in no time, have them all laughing and talking like they were long lost friends. She made everyone feel so comfortable. She loved to get her family together and made sure everyone had plenty of food. She would often invite surprise guests and new acquaintances to family parties. Family members often kidded that we needed “My Name Is” stickers just to know who we were sharing our family parties with. Mary Ann was a very devout Catholic and attended Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Waldorf. She said the Rosary several times each day and would use a notebook to make sure she said it enough times for everyone in her prayers. She was loved by so many and will be missed beyond words.

A period of visitation will be held on Friday July 31 2020 from 1PM to 2PM followed by a eulogy and mass at at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 100 Village Street Waldorf, Maryland 2060. The events will be streamed on line from the church. In order to view, Google “OLHOC youtube” and look for the link with Mary Ann Pearson in title. A private burial will be held at Piney Church in Waldorf at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mary Ann Pearson to Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, 100 Village Street, Waldorf, Maryland 20602 or charity of your choice.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church  
100 Village Street  
Waldorf, MD 20602

## Mass

JUL 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church  
100 Village Street  
Waldorf, MD 20602

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Pearson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mary Ann Pearson*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**charles r pearson jr** - August 14, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Ann. Our families made many memories together. God bless you Chuckie, Connie, Cindy and John.*

*Kevin Halter*

**Kevin Halter** - August 04, 2020 at 09:55 AM



*Thanks Kevin, We will all miss her but thankfully, we have plenty of great memories to comfort us.*

**charles r pearson jr** - August 14, 2020 at 11:18 AM

CW

*Thanks Kevin she truly will be missed!*

Constance Wood - October 05, 2020 at 01:31 PM

CD

“ *Mrs Pearson was a special person and she definitely had an impact on myself and all the other Dorwart's that passed thru the Pearson home. To Chuck, Connie, Cindy and John, god bless. We will all miss that special smile and laugh, god got back one of the good ones.*

*Chip and Patty Dorwart*

Chip Dorwart - July 31, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CW

*Thanks Chip and Patty she truly will be missed here on earth!*

Constance Wood - October 05, 2020 at 01:32 PM

 Vicky Dodson

“ *Dear Pearson family . What can we say. We loved Mary Ann. She was someone very special to my mom and was there when she needed a friend. The last great gatherer of people. She will me missed. God bless*

Vicky Dodson - July 31, 2020 at 12:38 PM

CJ

*Thanks Vicky, you are so right about her ability to gather people*

charles r pearson jr - August 14, 2020 at 11:18 AM

CW

*Thanks Vicky until we meet again she truly will be missed.*

Constance Wood - October 05, 2020 at 01:34 PM

LK

“ Love & Hugs, Bernie & Kim purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.



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Love & Hugs, Bernie & Kim - July 30, 2020 at 10:58 AM

AP

“ chuckie, Connie, Cindy and John  
I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom (Maryann).  
Sending thoughts and prayers from Donna (Halter) Knott



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april - July 29, 2020 at 08:49 PM

CW

Thanks Donna she truly will be missed!

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Constance Wood - October 05, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.



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July 29, 2020 at 07:41 PM

NB

“ Just want to tell you children and grandchildren, plus the great ones, you have just lost a wonderful mother and grandmother. I know you already know that. Mary Ann was a wonderful person and I think anyone who knew her considered her their friend. I know I did. We had some fun times taking field trips on those old school buses. I am so sorry for your loss. I can just imagine the welcome she received from Bobby and all her friends that preceded her to Heaven. Choice always says "Don't be afraid of dying; that is the only way you can get to Heaven. May God be with each of you as you go through this trying time.

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**Norma & Edsel Bradbury** - July 29, 2020 at 02:50 PM

CJ

*Thanks Norma for the kind words. I like the way CHoice thinks,. "dying the only way you can geto to heaven"*

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**charles r pearson jr** - January 28, 2023 at 09:21 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of Mom's passing. I will miss her at Sunday morning mass, we always had a good laugh. She's in my prayers and all you kids please take good care. Much love - Marie & Ed Morrell

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**Marie Morrell** - July 28, 2020 at 12:44 PM

CW

*Thanks so much Marie she truly be missed!*

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**Constance Wood** - October 05, 2020 at 01:52 PM

BD

“ To the Pearson Family,

*I was very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I know her family will miss her dearly. We had so many bus drivers back in the day. By far the BEST bus driver in Charles County history was your mom! She was so sweet to everyone that boarded & she cared for all the kids she transported daily ... I would sit right behind her to watch her move that huge steering wheel & shift those gears. May she RIP 🙏*

*Bridget Dalsey*

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**Bridget Dalsey** - July 27, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.*



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July 26, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.*



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July 26, 2020 at 04:44 PM

LW

“ I remember Mary Ann she was a good friend to my BFF Dinah they were always going out to share a lunch or dinner. Dinah would go to her home to play her favorite games every night. I met her and she knew my X brother-in-law I liked her and I'm so sorry for all her family and all her friends Love hugs and Prayers Loretta Wood

Loretta Wood - July 26, 2020 at 02:02 PM

DC

“ I went to St.Peters with Mrs.Pearson's kids. I remember how friendly she was and always ready with a laugh. My thoughts are with her family. Donna Hintze Cook

Donna Cook - July 25, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.



July 25, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.



July 25, 2020 at 01:28 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the family. I met Mary Ann last year when she decided to venture out on her own on a 10-day cruise. She thoroughly enjoyed herself and never met a stranger. Her 'cadillac' walker was a great conversation starter. A very memoranle cruise.

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**Jeanette McCants** - July 25, 2020 at 08:45 AM

CJ

*Thanks jeanette. I am so glad she went on that cruise. I was trying to talk her into going the following year with me and my wife but she would never had made it if she had waited for us.*

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**charles r pearson jr** - January 28, 2023 at 09:24 AM

LL

“ So many stories and memories. My best memory is her love of life,family and friends.Her smile is something I will always remember. there were no strangers in her life she embraced everyone whether she had known them for a lifetime or just met them. she just loved and I mean loved whatever or who ever she embraced it all. I loved my visits with her and talking about our families and old times. the entire Pearson family were always the best at hosting and making you feel welcomed. I remember spending summers at their pool,big cookouts and just family and friends. I will miss you Maryann you also had a hug and made me feel loved.



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**lisa lambright** - July 24, 2020 at 10:50 PM



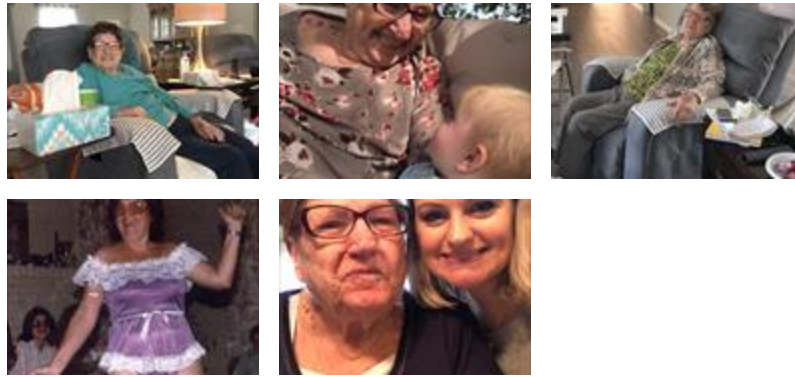
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.*



July 24, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *Grandma* ☀️



candylou00@yahoo.com - July 23, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Ann Pearson.*



July 23, 2020 at 01:25 PM

PG

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. I have very fond memories of the summer I worked with Mary Ann at Waldorf Sanitation. I spent many happy hours at her home, in her pool, and in Bobby and Mary Ann's cozy rec room. She was a force of nature -- fun, smart, a good mentor, and a true friend. I will never forget her kindness, at a time when I needed it. Rest in Peace, dear Mary Ann.

*Pam Gates*

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**Pam Gates** - July 23, 2020 at 01:12 PM

LL

“ Lucy...I was so very sorry to hear about Mary Ann. She was a true warrior who fought and won many battles during her lifetime. I know you will miss her as will we at the luncheons for the Ladies of Lackey! Thoughts and prayers for all of you! Love, Linda

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**Linda Long** - July 23, 2020 at 10:53 AM

DH

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a high spirited lady. Many years of seeing "Mom" at all the band jobs that Chuck and George played in, you always knew when she walked in the door because Chuck would be sure to play her favorite song, "Great Balls Of Fire"! She will be missed, hugs to all the family.



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**Donna Carpentieri and George Henderson** - July 22, 2020 at 08:39 PM

 Jill  
Conner

“*Mary Ann was the ultimate "Hostess with the Mostess." You couldn't get a foot into her house without her saying let me get you a drink, here is a plate, help yourself.*

*No one could be in her presence and not feel her overwhelming love and acceptance. Mary Ann could make the saddest person laugh. She could lift you up with a smile and a word. I never, ever heard Mary Ann complain about any thing. She had such a positive attitude, a great sense of humor, and the biggest heart. Mary Ann was much to many and I am sure she will be missed by everyone always and forever.*

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**Jill Conner** - July 22, 2020 at 07:41 PM

MP

“*Connie, I am so very sorry to hear this sad news. I have known your mom ever since she and my mom were school bus drivers. She was someone you liked right away. Always smiling and so friendly. She was a "card" and could always say something to make you laugh. This is going to be a very difficult time for you but I pray the Lord will give you the strength you need to help you get through it. 8:30 Mass at OLHOC will not be same without her smiling face. I am so glad to see that her service will be live streamed because I am afraid to go out much due to my health. By the way, whoever did the obituary did a beautiful job....a real tribute to your mom. Sending a hug!*



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**Mary Pruitt** - July 22, 2020 at 03:22 PM