



## Robert T. Pearson

October 25, 1926 - May 17, 2011

Robert T. Pearson, 84, of Kankakee, died Tuesday (May 17, 2011) at Riverside Medical Center. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Kankakee. Father Mario Quejadas will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 2015, Chicago, IL 60602 or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, 482 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Mr. Pearson was the operator of the Station Street Dairy Queen for 36 years. In addition to operating the West Station Street Dairy Queen with Colleen, his wife of 43 years, Mr. Pearson was dedicated to his family and his varied interest in collectibles. He owned and restored a number of different antique automobiles which were regularly featured in local parades. He also collected postcards, baseball cards, cast iron toys and banks and all things Kankakee. In retirement, he also volunteered for a number of causes, including the Kankakee Historical Society. He was involved for a number of years with the reunion committee of the 1944 graduating class of Kankakee High School. His first wife, the former Marjorie Tetrault, whom he married in 1950, died in 1966. He was the son of Benjamin and Ethel Lee Pearson. He was a graduate of Kankakee High School and was a U.S. Navy veteran. Mr. Pearson was born, raised and lived his entire life in Kankakee. He was a 54-year survivor of Type I diabetes, and supported research for a cure. Surviving

are his wife, the former Colleen Tetrault, whom he married in 1967; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Marty and Lynn Nickels, of Bull Shoals, Ark., Jeffrey and Mary Pearson, of Lexington, Ky., and Timothy Pearson, of Oak Park; four grandchildren, Michael (Kara) Nickels, Sara Pearson (Shane) Welch, Luke T. (Shelly) Pearson, and Ben D. Pearson; four great-grandchildren; a special nephew, Robert Thomas (Jeanne) Pearson, of Virginia Beach, Va., and their children, Michael, Michelle, Marc, Maisi and Matthew. He was preceded in death by a much-loved daughter-in-law, Char Pearson; his parents; and one brother, Wayne.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 20.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home  
1480 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

**MAY 21.** 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church  
953 S. 9th Avenue  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-7177

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Bob was a true gentleman and a marvelous human being. I enjoyed working for him at the Dairy Queen during my high school years. Colleen, you are in my thoughts.

*Best wishes, Rena Cotsones*

---

**Rena Cotsones** - May 24, 2011 at 07:56 PM

SS

“ We were "Sandbar Road neighbors" to Marty and Lynn for many years..we just wanted to express our sympathy for your loss. We had many great times together watching the river go by.. again, our deepest sympathy.

*Tom and Sally Sippel  
Cape Coral, Fl.*

---

**Sally Sippel** - May 21, 2011 at 09:54 AM

LC

“ We lived across the street in the 1980's when Bob and Colleen were running the Dairy Queen. They would pull our little Audrey through the window and give her ice cream! We loved visiting with them and will always hold a special place in our hearts. Deepest sympathy to the Pearson family--Bob was a one of a kind!

*Gary & Linda Chouinard*

---

**Linda Chouinard** - May 21, 2011 at 06:31 AM

NM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all--will never forget the man who gave me my very first job at the Dairy Queen 48 years ago--a wonderful neighbor and friend! He will be truly missed. Nancy Mayo Meyer

---

**Nancy Mayo Meyer** - May 20, 2011 at 06:13 PM

KB

“ Jeff & Mary... thinking of you during your bereavement, and praying that peace and consolation is yours as you are surrounded by family and friends. Karl Benson

---

**Karl Benson** - May 20, 2011 at 04:35 PM

SF

“ Tim and Jeff, Your Dad's was the Coolest place to get a DQ, and always had the coolest cars in the parades. Very sorry for your loss. Scott and Mary Seaton and Family

---

**Scott Seaton Jr Family** - May 20, 2011 at 03:50 PM

GS

“ I remember going to his DQ many time with our 5 children. Also, I remember him as the West Junior parent of Jeff and Tim Pearson. He was a wonderful person. My prayers and thought are with Mr. Pearson family.

---

**Gene Stookey** - May 20, 2011 at 01:46 PM

GB

“ *Gina Beard lit a candle in memory of Robert T. Pearson*



---

**Gina Beard** - May 20, 2011 at 01:37 PM

JA

“ *Bob was always special to my folks Lillian and Herman Hertz. His parents were good friends of theirs. My sympathy to you Colleen and to Bob's kids. My mom worked for you two til she was 80 and I worried and asked Bob if she did ok and he said she can make change fine &the best curl on the cones of all his employees. I tried last year to help him at Marios and take his groceries out to his car but he wanted to do it himself. Heaven is a nicer place with him there now.*

---

**jackie** - May 20, 2011 at 01:34 PM

DD

“ *He was a great man. We couldn't ask for a better neighbor than Bob. Always a wave,smile and a kind word. Really funny once we got to know him. He will be missed by our whole family. Were here if you need anything. God be with you all at this sad time.*

---

**Dick&Jeanie Darr** - May 20, 2011 at 01:00 PM

DD

“ *Dick&Jeanie Darr lit a candle in memory of Robert T. Pearson*



---

**Dick&Jeanie Darr** - May 20, 2011 at 12:54 PM

RC

“ *Rhonda Hampton Couch lit a candle in memory of Robert T. Pearson*



---

**Rhonda Hampton Couch** - May 20, 2011 at 12:05 PM

RC

*So sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

---

**Rhonda Hampton Couch** - May 20, 2011 at 12:06 PM

OR

“ *Tim,  
I was so sorry to hear the sad news. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



*Olga P. Ryan*

---

**Olga P. Ryan** - May 20, 2011 at 11:33 AM

JG

“ *Sorry to hear the loss of a great person! May you find comfort Colleen with your family!  
Both Bob and Colleen were the best bosses I worked for them and I still refer you 2 as the BEST!!!*

---

**Jodi Siawrys Goodrich** - May 20, 2011 at 11:11 AM

MK

“ Tim, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Marsha (Stephens) Kerschke

---

Marsha (Stephens) Kerschke - May 20, 2011 at 11:00 AM

DS

“ Tim, I am very saddend to hear of your Dad's passing. Let the good memories pull you and your family through this hard time. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debi (Kinkade) Schultz

---

Debi Schultz - May 20, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ What a sad loss of such a wonderful man! He will be missed. Our prayers are with you. May God hold you close and bring you peace and may your sweet memories brighten your day.

John and Mary (Otten) Thomson



---

Mary Quiroz Thomson - May 20, 2011 at 10:30 AM

BM

“ Tim and Family - I am so very sorry to learn of the passing of your father. He was a Kankakee institution to many of us. I had forgotten about his old cars until I just read the notice. I always enjoyed seeing him tooling around in one of them. I know it has been a very hard past year for you and the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you for what that's worth. May the Good Lord watch over all of you and give you comfort in this time of need. Bill.

---

Bill Maass - May 20, 2011 at 10:24 AM

BM

“ *Bill Maass lit a candle in memory of Robert T. Pearson*



---

**Bill Maass** - May 20, 2011 at 10:20 AM

SD

*Tim - Sorry for your loss. I will always remember going to the DQ as a kid. You and your family are in our prayers.*

---

**Scott Duckworth** - May 20, 2011 at 11:26 AM

PE

“ *I was particularly sad to receive the news of Bob Pearson's passing, as I have many fond childhood memories of the time I spent with Bob and Colleen, and their family. I will always be grateful to Mr. Pearson for his positive influence on me while growing up. On behalf of the Espinasse family, I wish to extend our deepest and most sincere condolences to Colleen and their extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this difficult time.*

*Aloha Mr. Pearson, we will miss you.*

*Phillip Espinasse  
Honolulu, Hawaii*

---

**Phillip Espinasse** - May 19, 2011 at 08:15 PM

NK

*Tim & Family, Dennis & I are so very sorry for another loss of yours. May the happy memories help you thru this very difficult time. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.*

*Dennis & Nancy Kelso and Michael*

---

**Nancy Kelso** - May 20, 2011 at 11:03 AM