



Eugene George Pearce, Jr.

February 6, 1938 - May 27, 2015

Eugene George Pearce, Jr., age 77, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2015. He was born February 6, 1938 in Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, a son of the late Eugene George Pearce, Sr. and the late Irene Rice Pearce. He attended elementary school in Arkadelphia, graduated from Central High School, Little Rock, 1956, attended University of Arkansas for two years, and graduated from Arkansas A&M College (now UAM), 1961, with a degree in Forestry. Eugene married Eleanor Raye Reaves from Warren, September 23, 1961. He was employed by Arkansas State Forestry Commission, October, 1961 – December, 1966, employed by Green Bay Packaging Woodlands, January 1, 1967, as procurement forester, and managed woodyards in Benton and Heber Springs before moving to Morrilton February, 1970, and retired as a General Manager of Fiber Resource Division. Eugene was a member of First United Methodist Church, Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, served twice as Chairman of Administrative Board, Rotary International, Board of Directors, Paul Harris Fellow, Morrilton Sewer Commission, and presently serves on Conway County Regional Water Commission. He was also a member of Arkansas Forestry Association, Forest Resources Association, Society of American Foresters, and Oklahoma Forestry Association. His hobbies were fishing, duck hunting, traveling, supporting the Devil Dogs and Razorbacks, and watching sports on TV. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Eleanor Raye Reaves Pearce of Morrilton; son, Timothy Clay (Katya) Pearce of Fayetteville; grandchildren,

Meg (Julien) Mirivel, Maddie Arey, Christian Pearce, Ryan Pearce, and Aaron Pearce; great grandson, John Luke Mirivel; son-in-law, Frank (Edie) Arey of Little Rock; and aunt, Madelyn Eubank of Hot Springs. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Pearce Arey and brother, Nick Carter Pearce. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 30th at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Todd-Paul Taulbee officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church Renovation Fund, 201 South Chestnut, Morrilton, AR 72110 or the Conway County Community Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ Eugene George Pearce, Jr.

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ I have known Gene & Raye my whole life, they were like grandparents to me. I remember Gene as a very sweet, fun, genuine man, with a smile on his face. My prayers and thoughts are with Raye and his family. Love, Tina, David, Faye & Maddie

Tina Cawein Pfeifer - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Raye and family, my heart breaks for you. Gene touched so many lives, and will be missed by everyone. I thank God for the Blessing of having known him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, and I ask God to Bless you all and give you the faith and strength you need in the days ahead. I love you - and I loved him!

Becky Lewandowski - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Gene Pearce was a good man, full of integrity and good will. During Lisa's illness, he was a rock - I could always count on his wisdom and support. We've lost a fine man who will be sorely missed. I believe he and Lisa are together in heaven, doing a lot of catching up on things!

Frank Arey - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

SW

“ One of the best men I have ever known, Gene was a mentor, boss, and an example of what a Christian man should be. I am a better person for having known him and will miss him dearly. I am praying for his beautiful family, knowing fully that he is with God.

Steve Wear - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

JS

“ *Mr. Pearce was always such a nice and kind gentleman. He always had a sweet smile and calm and easy going personality. He was so generous and compassionate as a boss to my Mom. He will be greatly missed in this community. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Raye and all the family. A friend once told us to remember the three t's when dealing with loss of a loved one: Time, Talking, and Tears. They definitely helped with our own loss of loved ones. God bless you. We will be praying for you.*
Julie Scroggins-Bingham

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DM

“ *Raye, I am so, so very sorry to receive this news and know how very shocked and sad you are. Gene was such a wonderful man! You and your family are all in my thoughts and prayers in this time of deep loss.*

Dr. Russell R. Moore - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

NS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gene for 34 years and being his administrative assistant for the last 14 years prior to his retirement. We all respected Gene for his kind and considerate mannerism and his positive attitude. He always had a smile on his face and took the time to visit with those around him. What a special friend he was to so many and how he will be missed. To the family, may God bless and comfort you in the days to come. I'm thankful for all the good memories of our days at Green Bay Packaging.

Nova Scroggins - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

SG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gene was one of the finest men I have ever known. I will always think of him with a smile on his face. Rae and Tim you will all be in my prayers

Susan Gunderman - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

FL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Farrell & Louise Lentz - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

VH

“ Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. I am praying for God's peace to fill your heart. Gene was such a sweet person and not ever a time when I saw him that he didn't have a smile. I will miss him dearly.

Vicki Harris - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

MC

“ *Our thought and prayers are with you all.*

Mike Cunningham - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

WL

“ *Gene was a very good person, great personality, always had a smile for everyone, a good Christian, a great boss, and did a great duck impression (aflack, aflack) lol he will be missed*

wanda leach - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

KN

“ *The Netherton and Pearce families have had a close relationship thru my entire life.
We respected Gene for his integrity and wisdom and we loved him for the love and humor he gave to us and his family. Our love and prayers are with all the family.
He was a rock to many.*

Kirk Netherton - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

LF

“ *Always met with a great smile and firm handshake. Much respected and trusted. what a loss to family, friends, and community.*

Lynn Young Friend - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

DD

“ *Raye and other loved ones; So sorry to hear of the death of Gene. I knew him well in the Forestry Association and thought he was a very fine, able, gentleman. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families.*

Doogie & Patsy Darling - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

SA

“ Raye,
It was with great sadness that I learned Gene had passed. I always enjoyed the time I spent with Gene through Arkansas Forestry Association. He was a very pleasant person and I never heard anyone speak poorly of him.

Steve Anthony - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

EC

“ Raye, so sorry to hear about Gene. We will never forget the good times we all had. We
send our love to you and all of your family.
Ernest & Carolyn Cook

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MC

“ *The Campbell Family mourns the loss of Mr. Pearce. Our thoughts & prayers are with the entire Pearce Family.*

Mark Campbell - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

JH

“ *Gene embodied the true spirit of Rotary giving his time and effort to help those in his own community and around the world. I always looked forward to his humor each Tuesday at Rotary. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jamie Higgins - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

TL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying that all your family will have comfort and peace during this time.*

Tim Lance - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

ET

“ So sorry for you loss. He was a caring, friendly, hardworking man. He always had a smile when he met you, even when he had a thousand things on his mind. Our thoughts and prayers for God's comfort to surround you at this time.

Elaine & Carrol Tilley - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

WA

“ J.C. Dellinger asked me if I knew a good forester that wanted a new job. I recommended Gene, called him, and J.C. hired him.

Gene was a good one. You hate to lose good one. My the best be with you/family

Waymond/Barbara teague

waymond/barbara - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

FT

“ To Raye and all of the Pearce family we send to you our deepest sympathy in these trying times.

I got to know Gene when he transferred to A&M. Had many classes with him and he was a very friendly person. The forestry profession has lost a great one today.

May God bless each and everyone of you in the Pearce family

Frank Trude - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

ES

“ I was heartbroken when I received the news of Gene's passing yesterday. Little did we realize on April 21st when he visited our AHS Class of '56 luncheon that would be his final journey to his old hometown. Ralph Williams, Gene, & I rode around town for two hours locating our old home places, those of our friends, our schools, kindergarten, churches, the colleges, & other landmarks, comparing "then" and "now"...all the while recalling what fun it was to grow up there in the early '40's. What a super great friend he was and what a remarkable resume of his life accomplishments. Sending our sincere sympathy to you & all your family as you say goodbye.

Ed & Chotsy (Robertson) Sheppard - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

AF

“ Our hearts are sad at the passing of Gene, but our memories are full of the great impact he had on our lives and what a good example he was as a person. Gene will be missed.

Allen Farley - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

DA

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers in this very difficult time. We will miss seeing Gene on Sundays. He was a wonderful kind man. I know heaven is rejoicing as they welcome him into the kingdom of God.

Doug & Nancy Allen - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

MK

“ Mrs. Pearce, Tim, Kathy, and family, we were so sorry to hear Mr. Pearce passed away. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. Mr. Pearce will be remembered by all who knew him and will be greatly missed. With sympathy, Danny and Merinda Kordsmeier

Merinda Kordsmeier - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

KD

“ I was one of Gene's fishing buddies, he had many, and just like me they all felt like they had a special relationship with Gene, he was that type of person, I spent many hours dragging boats down creek banks, rivers and lakes with Gene, and I have to say, they were some of the best times of my life, he was my only fishing buddy, and I will miss him so much. He was the Kingfish!

Keith Delacerda - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

LW

“ Raye and family, I am so saddened to hear of Gene's passing. He was a wonderful man who was loved by all who knew him. I remember him telling me a story about giving my mom a ride to UCA when her car broke down. He was always willing to help everyone that he could help. May you all take comfort in knowing that he is in the arms of our Heavenly Father, and may God wrap his loving arms around you and your family!!

Lynlee Wiedower - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM

TR

“ I worked for Arkansas Kraft in 1977-84 and Gene hired me. He was a great man to work for. Always a friend to everyone he met.

tony L. Reynolds - June 29, 2018 at 07:24 PM