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Barbara S. Pearson

CHILICOTHE - Barbara Sue Atwood Pearson passed away March 28, 2018 at the Carriage Court of Washington Court House following an extended illness.

She was born June 30, 1947 to the late Willard E. Atwood and Catherine (Streevey) Atwood in the beautiful Huntington Hills of southern Ohio.

She attended Huntington Schools and had a perfect attendance record all twelve years never missing one day of school.

She was a dedicated employee to all companies where she worked. She started her career soon after graduating from high school and was only unemployed a couple of months in her forty-three years working career. She met many lifelong friends during her working career and thought about them often.

On December 1, 1997 she eloped to Gatlinburg, Tennessee and married Jerry L. Pearson, a "man of means by no means". Although Jerry was not the "King of the Road", he became her knight in shining armor loving each other more than anyone knew.

She is survived by her stepchildren, Jonathan (Cynthia) Pearson, of Washington D.C., Jesse Pearson and Emily (Vince) Withers, both of Columbus; brothers Donald (Mary) Atwood and Gerald (Corenna) Atwood, both of Chillicothe; nieces Donella Gambill, Ciera Gambill, nephews Conner Gambill and Brandon Atwood (Deaven).

She loved her pet Schnauzers of which she had many over the years. She is now with Bando, Gretchen, Sidney, Braxton, and Sophia. They are all playing together in the back yard of that Rainbow Bridge, "Go Rest High on that Mountain".

She loved knitting and collecting Tom Clark figurines, and she thoroughly studied her genealogy visiting more cemeteries and court house basements than most.

She read the Bible daily and was very spiritual.

She exercised routinely until she could no longer physically follow her program, her body and mind savaged by years of suffering from Alzheimer's disease.



Her most favorite love was her clarinet. She played the clarinet for fifty years. She played in the Circleville Pumpkin Show Band and the Great Seal of Ohio Band for many years. She enjoyed all music especially the classics.

Barbara loved her family most dearly and would sacrifice all to be close to them. Many people know her and felt her love of friends and family. She especially loved her brothers Donald and Gerald. She often talked of Gerald's sacrifices for her and Donald's contributing hard work for her betterment and well-being. She often yearned for their visits.

The family owes a special thank you to Harriet Evans who gave much of her time for Barbara's well-being. Her family doctor Wayne W. Beam Jr., M.D. was always compassionate and caring; thank you Dr. Beam for being that angel in Barbara's life. The work of the Southern Ohio Medical Center Senior Behavioral Medicine Care Unit was beyond comparison bringing calmness and tranquility in the midst of a storm. Barbara's family would like to recognize all of the people of National Church Residence who helped Barbara over the years. Their assistance was indispensable. The Ohio Area Agency on Aging District 7 was always supportive and gave valuable advice for Barbara's care. Heartland Hospice made a big difference in the comfort and care in Barbara's last days. They were most compassionate bringing warmth and solace where there was fear, distress, and overwhelming grief. Carriage Court Washington Court House went beyond the family's expectations of care. They were most kind and accommodating. Barbara was blessed to have spent time with this fabulous facility. The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary always brought joy and hope to Barbara. They are a great blessing for all of the community!

Barbara was lamented and loved by all. We have all heard it said, "Barbara was the sweetest and kindest lady that I have known". Her husband Jerry often said he was the "luckiest man in the world". Barbara loved flowers; please flood her with that blooming joy.

Funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the WARE FUNERAL HOME with Chaplain Dean Queen officiating. Burial will follow in Twin Township Cemetery. Friends may call at the WARE FUNERAL HOME from 4-6 p.m. on Friday.

You may sign her online register at www.warefh.com

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