



Irma J Pearson

October 5, 1954 - September 29, 2020

Irma J. Pearson, 65, of Marion, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at her residence in Marion, from an illness related to her double lung transplant. A private memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2020, at Marion First United Methodist Church, live-streamed at www.marionmethodist.org. Click the Watch Live tab. A Celebration of Irma's life will be held at a later date.

Irma was born on October 5, 1954, in Oakland, Nebraska, the daughter of the Reverend Bill and Opal Anderson, and was raised on a farm outside of Rosalie, Nebraska. She met the love of her life and husband, Don Pearson, when they worked together at a friend's hay farm. Irma and Don married on January 27, 1973, in Dakota City, Nebraska, during a blizzard. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Marion, where she enjoyed ringing in the various hand bell choirs. Irma loved family, science fiction and travel, visiting Australia, Europe, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, and over 45 states. She truly enjoyed sewing; her family was always amazed at how she could create whole items just from a rough idea. Irma had a kind heart, a great sense of humor, and made the best donuts, but refused to play cards with her extended family. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Irma is survived and lovingly remembered by her mother, Opal Anderson of Freeport, Illinois; daughter, Jessica (Dan) Barr of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; son, Brent (Sara) Pearson of Davenport, Iowa; two granddaughters, Lily and Molly Barr; four siblings, Arlene Anderson of Lincoln, Nebraska, Harold (Alison) Anderson of Freeport; Lula Koester of Missoula, Montana, and Eric (Keryn) Anderson of Bow, New Hampshire; niece, Gretchen (James) Wiscombe of Missoula; and mother-in-law, Lottie Pierce of Onawa, Iowa. She is also survived by extended family members, Keith (Beti) Pearson of Hermitage, Missouri, Charlotte Bell of Onawa, and Joanne (Joe) Fleck of Rodney, Iowa; and several nieces, a nephew, and close friend, Carolyn Witcher of Cedar Rapids.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Pearson; father, Reverend Bill Anderson; two brothers-in-law, Mike Bell and Dan Koester; one nephew, Aaron

Bainbridge; and one niece, Natasha Anderson.

The family would like to thank the amazing transplant team at UW Madison for their excellent care of Irma leading up to and after her transplant in April of 2009, especially Dr. Richard Cornwell and Kelly Goodrich, RN. The family also extends thanks and appreciation to the long term care staff at The Views in Marion for their tireless care during Irma's final illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Irma's memory may either be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Marion, or to the Iowa Donor Network. The family requests that you register to be an Organ Donor in honor of Irma.

Comments



“ I worked with Irma for many years at FSB. She was a great co-worker who never backed away from a challenge and was a great problem solver. I hope your wings are purple Irma! RIP my friend. Deb Nelson

Deb Nelson - October 04 at 03:16 PM



“ What a lovely person she was. Very kind, very wise and a great sense of humor. I will miss seeing her occasionally. We worked together for many years, all of which I will cherish. My heart goes out to the family. Rest In Peace Irma. Until we meet again. Jeralyn “Jake” Heath

Jeralyn Heath - October 03 at 05:43 PM



“ Irma was a sweet and kind hearted lady. Love working with her at FSB. God received a great angel. God Bless. Angie (DeMoss) Brockhohn

angie brockhohn - October 01 at 09:07 PM



“ i have so many memories with Irma, travel buddy and more, i will misser her so much. Choir and bells and so much t tmore. Working with her at FSB>.IM so glad to call her my friend. As she got sick i hope I helped some. Rest in peace my dear friend. Carolyn Whitcher.

carolyn whitcher - October 01 at 02:43 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irma J Pearson.



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