



Arlene Pearson

April 15, 1940 - February 15, 2024

Arlene Frances (Linn) Pearson passed away peacefully on February 15, 2024, at her home in Wenatchee. She was born on April 15, 1940, in Portland, OR, as the only child of Edward Linn and Doris (Paul) Linn. She attended Portland public schools and graduated from Grant High School in 1958. She went on to attend Oregon State College and received a degree in Business Administration from Portland State College in 1963. She began her professional career as an accountant at Touche Ross in Portland.

While working in Portland in 1966, mutual friends set Arlene up on a blind date to see Harry Belafonte where she met her lifelong partner and husband Robert (Bob) Pearson. They married April 22, 1967, and were together for over 49 years before his death in 2016. Bob's early career moved them from Portland with stints living in Moscow, ID, Lewiston, ID, and Corvallis, OR. They finally settled in the Oregon City, OR area in 1977 where she lived for over 40 years.

Arlene worked as an accountant for most of her professional life. She earned her CPA license in 1983 and started her own accounting practice in the Oregon City area which she sold in 2006. After working as an accountant for over 45 years she retired in 2019 and moved to the Wenatchee area to be closer to family.

Arlene was an active member of the Oregon City Rotary Club and worked to facilitate their student exchange program for many years. Both Arlene and Bob were devoted Christians and members of Methodist Churches at every place they lived. She was an active member of United Methodist Women Groups and served as church treasurer for many years. In almost any volunteer group she was involved with, she served as a treasurer and was happy to share her gifts as an accountant and bookkeeper. Besides church and the Rotary Club, she worked with the Forest Creek Park HOA, River City Square Dancers and the Molalla Radio Control Association among others.

Arlene loved her family and was blessed with two daughters and five grandchildren. She and Bob loved spending time with family, listening to music, dancing, and traveling. Their travels took them all over the world from China, Mongolia, Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, to more local destinations in the U.S. They especially enjoyed traveling the Pacific Northwest in their travel trailer, often with grandchildren in tow.

Arlene was a proud Oregonian. She was a direct descendant of Philip E. Linn, who led a wagon train and settled in Eagle Creek, OR in 1865. Arlene was actively involved with the annual Linn Family Reunion for many years and took pride in her family's history.

In 2019, Arlene left her beloved Oregon to live closer to family in Wenatchee, WA. She immediately embraced the Wenatchee Valley as her new home. She became an active member of the Wenatchee First United Methodist Church. She also volunteered with the AARP Tax-Aide program. Arlene made many friends in her new community. She enjoyed exploring the Wenatchee Valley with her friends; tasting wine, playing dominoes, visiting new restaurants, and taking in the local theater scene.

Arlene embodied the best of the Northwest; she was independent and self-reliant, and practiced the love, compassion and service that is key to her

Methodist faith. Throughout her life she practiced a quiet and selfless type of kindness. She firmly believed in and practiced the golden rule, serving as a role model to her family, friends and everyone who knew her. She is greatly missed by all.

Arlene is preceded in death by her husband Robert and survived by daughters Jennifer Pearson-Gale (William Gale), and Patricia Pearson (Kinley Deller), grandchildren Kieran, Celia and Joshua Gale and Nara and Ameena Deller.

A memorial service will be held at Wenatchee First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 20, at 1:00 p.m. Memorial Contributions can be made to either Wenatchee First United Methodist Church at 941 Washington St, Wenatchee, WA 98801 or Carus United Methodist Church at 22765 S. Hwy. 213, Oregon City, OR 97045.

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“ Dear family of Arlene, we have been privileged to have Arlene for our neighbor since she moved to Wenatchee. We thought she was so wise to move close to family when she did. What a supportive family she has! Beautiful to watch, inspired us over and over. Arlene showed kindness, respect and love to all us neighbors. She was quiet and peaceful. What a blessing for her to have God as her Foundation, especially as she traveled her last days on this earth. We are grateful this life is not the end and that we will spend eternity with her. We are praying for Arlene's family every evening as you travel through this time of loss and grief.



Robin and LaRenne Lacey

LaRenne Lacey - February 26, 2024 at 02:29 PM

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Thank you for your beautiful words and kind thoughts. We were so happy that she had such wonderful neighbors like you. The love and support we have felt from everyone has meant so much to us. (and sorry I am just seeing this now!)

Jennifer Pearson-Gale - May 28, 2024 at 09:57 PM

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To Arlene's Family: I worked for Arlene in the Oregon City office. We kept in touch for several years. Arlene had a generous and loving heart. In the middle of tax season, Arlene was attending to a medical crisis for her mother. As she struggled to balance the needs of her mother with the needs of her clients, Arlene was exhausted but always joyful and compassionate. Arlene's faith sustained her. Arlene was devoted to God and her family. I will never forget this amazing woman and friend.

Terese Martin

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