



## Donna Jean Pearson

October 26, 1931 - January 22, 2022

ADRIAN – Donna Jean (Bennett) Pearson

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.” Proverbs 31:10, 25-26, 28

Donna Jean (Bennett) Pearson, 90, passed away Saturday morning, January 22, 2022 at Gaslight Village Assisted Living, while under the exceptional care of Hospice of Lenawee, as well as the loving and watchful care of the staff of Gaslight Village.

Born October 26, 1931 in Adrian, she was the daughter of Harold and Bessie (Clark) Bennett. A lifelong resident of Adrian, she was a proud Maple, graduating with the class of 1949. Following her graduation, Donna continued to stay connected to her classmates by organizing her class luncheons.

On April 8, 1950, Donna married the love of her life, Charles C. Pearson, Jr. at Berean Baptist Church in Adrian. They celebrated over 65 years of love and memories until he preceded her in death on September 17, 2015.

Family and faith were two of the most important things in Donna's life. She was an active member of Berean Baptist Church, where she raised her five children.

As a young woman, Donna worked at Bank of Lenawee in Adrian. In 1964, she began working for Adrian State Bank, where she was employed until 1984. She began as a teller, then served as a branch manager for many years before becoming an officer of the bank at the main office.

Late in 1984, Donna and Chuck moved to Statesville, NC where they lived for over 11 years. While living in Statesville, Donna made many new friends, serving in their church, as well as in the Christian Women's Club of Statesville. The couple moved back to Adrian in 1994, after Chuck's retirement from Kewaunee Scientific Corp.

Donna is survived by her five children, Deborah (Allen) Hatt, Craig (Patty) Pearson, Stephen (Jan) Pearson, Jamie (Dawn) Pearson, and Joy (Bob) Scott; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren, with three more arriving in 2022.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Chuck, Donna was preceded in death by her brother, Clark Bennett; and her sisters, Jenny (Bennett) Wright and Bonnie (Bennett) Hunt.

Funeral Services for Donna will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Berean Baptist Church, 751 W. Maumee Street, Adrian, with Rev. Doug Rogers officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation for Donna will be held on Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, and again on Wednesday at the church beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until the time of the service.

The family suggests that memorial contributions to honor Donna's memory be made to Berean Baptist Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive  
Adrian, MI 49221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **25**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

JAN **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Berean Baptist Church  
751 West Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI

## Funeral Service

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JAN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Berean Baptist Church  
751 West Maumee Street  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donna Jean Pearson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I worked with this beautiful lady at the Adrian State Bank. She was definitely a genuine friend to everyone.*

**Deborah Lindsay** - February 15, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. Donna was a bright light in a lot of peoples life's. I had the honor to do Donna's hair for 10 years where we had many laughs. She always had a story to tell. She we be missed for sure.*

*My deepest condolences,  
Dawn Burk*

**Dawn Burk** - January 26, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.*



January 25, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.*



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January 25, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ *Too many memories to only choose one.....Donna was always a part of our lives as far back as we can remember. She was in the “mom” circle as all of us as children that grew up together seemed to be in a melting pot sharing in each other’s family dynamics at church and as friends and neighbors.....a time that makes up alot of our childhood memories. Always loving and kind.*

*Kathy and Lowell Metz*

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**Kathy Metz** - January 25, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Kathryn (Kaledo) Perez lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Pearson*



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**Kathryn (Kaledo) Perez** - January 25, 2022 at 08:21 AM

KP

“ *The smile is the same. The words describing Donna ring so true. As a very young worker, Donna helped me open my first checking account. Her graciousness and genteel nature are traits that I remember to this day. To me, Donna always epitomized the word LADY.*

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**Kathryn (Kaledo) Perez** - January 25, 2022 at 08:20 AM

BS

“ *DEAR DEBBIE AND FAMILY,  
SO SORRY TO SEE ABOUT YOUR MOM'S PASSING. I USED TO SEE HER QUITE OFTEN VISITING MY COUSIN ANN GOODACRE. ANN MISSED HER WHEN SHE WAS IN STATESVILLE, BUT THEY RESUMED THEIR OLD FRIENDSHIP LATER ON. I HOPE YOUR FAMILY IS WELL--I'LL ALWAYS CHERISH YOUR FAMILY'S TIME ON THE BOOKMOBILE. JAMIE'S WIFE AND CHILDREN USED TO COME ON TOO. TAKE CARE, STAY WELL AND GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF LOSS. GOD JUST GOT ANOTHER NEW ANGEL.  
BARB SELL*

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**barbara sell** - January 24, 2022 at 07:48 PM

JT

“ My cousin Donna was a sincerely joyful believer in Jesus and while I did not have as much contact with her in my early adult years, in recent years, Barbara and I enjoyed visiting her in Adrian. We thought we were doing a "good deed" but we came away thinking how blessed we were to have known her and been with her. Her infectious laugh and smile were contagious. Rarely complaining despite a lot of isolation in recent years due to her health and COVID-19, yet, she relished her relationship with Jesus and her loving family, a big clan of people in Adrian and elsewhere. Told us lots of stories about her childhood, her family, my parents who preceded her, and reminded me of some of my heritage. We will miss visiting her but look forward to seeing her again in unimageable circumstances in Glory!  
Love you Donna, and your wonderful family especially my second cousins who call you "mom".  
J. Lanny Tucker

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**J. Lanny Tucker** - January 24, 2022 at 07:45 PM

HB

“ I have lost a dear friend who was a bridesmaid at our wedding many years ago. But I am not grieving as I know I will see her again in that beautiful Land called heaven. About a week ago or so, I spoke with her by phone, with Debbie by her side. I am so happy to have had that final talk with her. My condolences to the family. Helene Bleecker

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**Helene D. Bleecker** - January 24, 2022 at 05:19 PM

NC

“ northwood baptist church purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.



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**northwood baptist church** - January 24, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.*



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January 24, 2022 at 01:13 PM



Darlene  
Hooker

“ *Such a sweet lady. Viola Metz, the lady who led me to the Lord, took me to Pioneer Girls at Berean Baptist Church, and Donna Pearson was one of my group leaders, as well as Viola Metz. I remember the group having a slumber party at Donna's house. I graduated with her son, Jamie. Her son Craig was working at Wagley Funeral Home when we had my Dads funeral. My Dad worked in the same factory as Donna's husband. Many memories of this family, all good ones.*

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**Darlene Hooker** - January 24, 2022 at 12:56 PM



Darlene Hooker

“ *Darlene Hooker lit a candle in memory of Donna Jean Pearson*



Darlene Hooker - January 24, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.*

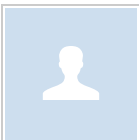


January 24, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Such a beautiful lady. She was a blessing to know her & your lovely family.  
May God give you comfort through the next few days & the months ahead.  
Lots of rejoicing going on in heaven today. “He” is so good.*

Nancy Pickles - January 24, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.*



January 24, 2022 at 10:20 AM

LJ

“ Donna was such a special person. Married to my cousin, Chuck, we lived several states apart & visits were sparse but I used to tell Donna I wished she lived next door to me. A wonderful Christian with an uplifting personality, she could make anyone smile. May God comfort& bless her family.

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**Louise Tucker Jones** - January 24, 2022 at 09:59 AM

PT

“ So sorry about your loss, Jamie. It sounds like she was a special Christian person.

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**Pat Tagsold** - January 24, 2022 at 08:57 AM

RE

“ Rita (Bennett) and Bill Estep purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.



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**Rita (Bennett) and Bill Estep** - January 24, 2022 at 07:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna Jean Pearson.



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January 23, 2022 at 07:52 PM