



## PeeWee (Allen Jays) Pearson

March 19, 1935 - July 11, 2018

PeeWee (Allen Jays) Pearson, age 83, of Iron Mountain, MI passed away on July 11, 2018 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, WI after recent open heart surgery.

PeeWee was born Allen Jays Pearson on March 19, 1935 to Arthur and Dorothy Pearson of Aurora, WI. That was the only day he ever “went by” Allen. Nurses dubbed him PeeWee in the maternity ward and it stuck...for his entire life. As his nurse at Bellin said on his last day in a hospital “I will never hear the name PeeWee the same way again”. For those who knew him, his name was an anomaly for this strong man.

PeeWee loved cars. And he loved people. And he loved uniting them. He spent a long and storied (oh, the stories...) career selling cars in the Iron Mountain area, for Edwards Chevrolet. His career there spanned 50 years. PeeWee had an exceptional memory...especially for cars and people. Mention someone he has not seen in 50 years and he could tell you a lot about them, including what car he sold them and some interesting aspect of the deal. His career became a big part of our family life.

After retiring, he went from four wheels to two and enjoyed riding his bicycle around town...every day...three one hour trips. What other 83 year old puts over 3000 miles/year on his bicycle? It was a great way to see and connect with people. And a daily stop or two at B&B Tire was not to be missed.

PeeWee was such a compassionate man. He deeply cared for people.

PeeWee married the love of his life, Shirley (Davis) Pearson, in 1955.

Together they built a wonderful life and were the anchor of their strong and loving family.

PeeWee is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Shirley, four daughters: Susan Mahony of Fish Creek, WI, Sally (Dean) Heidtke of Iron Mountain, Pamela (Kurt) Bergstrom of Rhinelander, WI, Paula (Jim Nelford) Allen of The Villages, FL, six grandchildren Amanda (Brendan) O'Donnell of Midland MI, Ron (Amber) Perrington of Fon du Lac, WI, Chase Perrington of Pensacola, FL, David Nystrom of Appleton, WI, Kelly (Mark) Truettner of Appleton, WI, Erin Mahony of Phoenix, AZ and nine great-grandchildren, sisters-in law Delores Pearson, Jean Ann Pearson, Barbara (Ernie Ostroski) Church, Nancy Chereskin, Claudette Davis, Karen (Roger) Beyer, Janet (Paul) Gude, brother Gene (Debbie) Davis, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by sisters Marcheta (Keta) Steebs, Dolores Landstrom, Yvonne LaTona, brothers Arthur (Wayne) and Kent Pearson, son-in-law Dan Mahony, and grand-daughter Hanna Bergstrom.

There will be a visitation at 11:00 am on Friday, July 20, 2018 at First Lutheran Church (1210 S. Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI). A service will be held at 1:00 PM. Everyone is invited to a celebration of PeeWee's life from 4-7 PM at PeeWee and Shirley's home at 1421 W. Hughitt St. in Iron Mountain. In lieu of flowers, you are encouraged to make a donation to the charity of your choice in honor of PeeWee. Condolences may be expressed to the family of PeeWee (Allen JAYS) Pearson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Service

JUL 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of PeeWee (Allen Jays) Pearson



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - July 13, 2018 at 05:16 PM

CC

What a wonderful beautiful tribute to a wonderful, beautiful man. My only wish that I could have been an "add on daughter"... Ill settle for being a "sister at heart" with his oldest beautiful daughter. Rest in peace special, funny, well loved husband, dad, brother, friend. Candy Corbett

Candace corbett - July 17, 2018 at 09:21 AM

CC

Tears as I enjoy this beautiful tribute to a beautiful man.

Candace corbett - July 17, 2018 at 09:22 AM

KK

This was beautiful..your dad looked so happy in all those pics.. sending love and light to you all during this difficult transition.

Kristi Kirkpatrick - July 17, 2018 at 12:54 PM

KG

“ A life well lived. The video captured Pee Wee wonderfully showing his love for family, friends and life. Will be with you in spirit tomorrow as you honor him. Kathi Pearson Gilbert.

Kathi Pearson Gilbert - July 19, 2018 at 10:27 PM

SC

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**Sunday Caswell** - July 18, 2018 at 06:57 PM

SC

“ *It was just yesterday that my dad told me of Pee-Wee's passing and I was so sorry to hear of the sad news. I had just asked how Pee Wee was doing last week. My dad would say, "Still riding his bike".*

*I will always remember him as being so kind and sweet to me when I would visit the car-lot so many years ago and always enjoyed his visits to Escanaba.*

*Thinking of the Pearson family during this sad time. I know you will take comfort in cherished memories.*

*In love and sympathy, Sunday Caswell*

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**Sunday Caswell** - July 18, 2018 at 04:07 PM

Jl

“ *Dear Shirley - I am very sorry for your loss. Your family was blessed for many years by your husband who shared so much with everyone. Jean Ivory*

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**jean Ivory** - July 18, 2018 at 07:54 AM

WE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. He will be missed by many and we will miss our Friday night cocktails. In our prayers . Neal Roche and Pat Weatherly

Weatherly - July 17, 2018 at 07:08 PM

AH

“ I never met PeeWee but heard stories from his daughters while in Florida. Wish I could have known this fun man - but he did pass that along to his girls. My heart is heavy for the family's loss. Special hugs to my neighbor Sue.

Ann Holden - July 17, 2018 at 02:44 PM

MT

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to Shirley and family. PeeWee always had a way of making my Dad (Ed Kadletz) laugh and he loved to talk with him about cars. I always enjoyed the stories PeeWee told me about my Dad. What a wonderful man, he will be missed!

Mary Tuomela - July 17, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Two p.m. at the pool in Florida will not be the same without Pee Wee. He was a joy to share information with. Joyce and Jim sends their love to Pee Wee's family.

Joyce Short - July 17, 2018 at 09:27 AM

CP

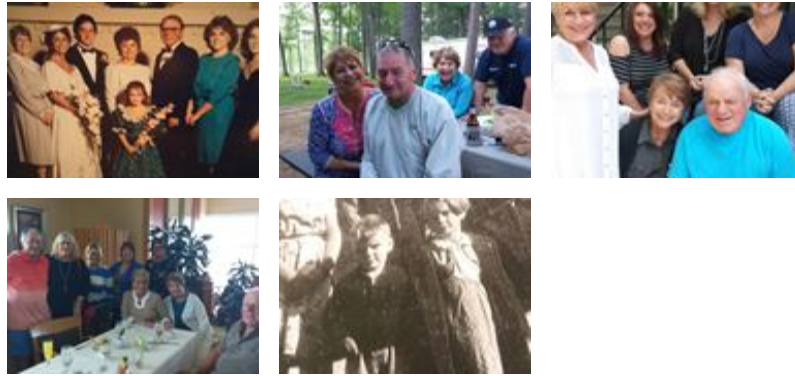
“ Dear Shirley & family,  
Just sending my condolences and love to you all. I remember you both so well and know you have a lot of wonderful memories. May the Lord give you all strength for each day.  
Carol Broullire Peterson

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**Carol Peterson** - July 16, 2018 at 11:22 AM



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - July 16, 2018 at 11:09 AM

RW

“ Condolences and prayers for you family from  
Bob Welker

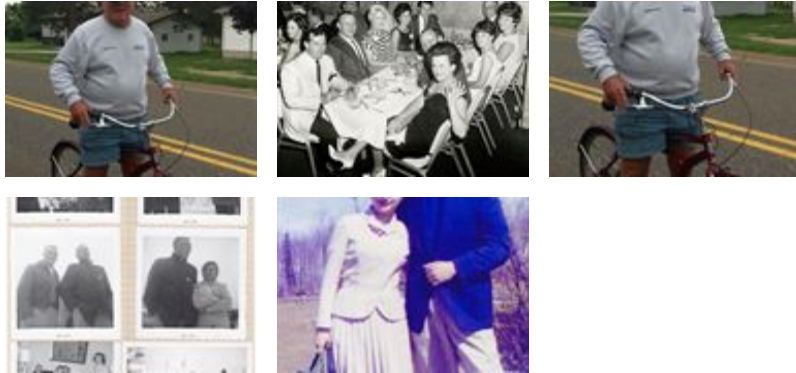


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**Robert Welker** - July 14, 2018 at 07:46 PM



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - July 13, 2018 at 03:01 PM

MP

*PeeWee, I will miss seeing you in Florida, but I am sure that you will be riding your bike up there with the angels 😊.  
My sincere condolences are with Shirley and the rest of your family.  
R.I.P. sweet man. God bless you.  
From Peggy Privitt*

Margaret Privitt - July 15, 2018 at 03:12 PM

MV

“ *What a legacy he left for all who knew him. His true ministry was in the way he cared for himself and his family--riding his bike around town inspired many people to take initiative. Our family is truly blessed in having him as my husband's name sake. We hold you all in prayer at this difficult time.*



Mary VanHaute - July 13, 2018 at 09:47 AM

TD

*Pee Wee was by far the best boss I've ever had. I am who I am largely because of him. He was a great man and always deserved the greatest respect.*

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**Tristan Dupuis** - July 13, 2018 at 01:58 PM

AW

*So sorry for your loss, I got to know your husband and father as he would ride his bike by my house on N. Pyle Dr. In Kingsford regularly in the summer, and sometimes he would stop and we'd have a talk. What a pleasant guy to just talk to. My wife and I just recently wondered where he had been this summer, and this morning I saw the obituary in the paper. I am so glad I got to know him, and am saddened to see him go.*

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**Andy Wiltzius** - July 14, 2018 at 07:52 AM