



Ms. Alexandria Lynn Pearson

December 6, 1941 - March 17, 2024

Ms. Alexandria Lynn Scott Pearson, 82, of Peoria, IL, transitioned from this side of life at 5:12 am on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Liberty Village at Manor Court.

Alexandria affectionally known as Lynn was born on December 6, 1941 in Bloomington, IL to Allen and Gabrella (McClelland) Scott. Lynn was a true care giver and served her family, friends, church, and community with all of the gifts that God equipped her with. She enjoyed traveling, reading, caring for her family, listening to music, social gatherings, eagle watching, and good food with good conversation.

Lynn worked at Caterpillar, Inc. as a Materials Handler; retiring in 1998 after 30 years of service. While at Caterpillar she was very active with Local 974 UAW / CAP committee / Women committee / Fair practice committee / presiding as Co-chair of Unit 4 for a time.

Lynn leaves to cherish her most precious memory two sons, Allen Pearson, Sr. of Maplewood, MN and Jay (Ja'nice) Pearson of Peoria, IL; nine grandchildren, Ciera (Kevin Syrov) Wallace, Nevaeh (DeMarcus Stephenson) Pearson, Allen Pearson, Jr., Brianne Pearson, Nikia Pearson, Jamara (Christian) Pearson-Lloyd, Caleb (Hallaha Powers) Pearson, Christiaan Pearson and Deven Pearson; seven great grandchildren, Kieran,

Celisa, Jamaria, Jay, Amiya, Alaysia, Alexander; two nieces, Kendra Nunn and Ebonie Scott; two nephews, Corey Scott and Glen Scott; two special friends, Barbra Jamison and Edie Grady, and a host of relatives and friends who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Scott Darell Pearson and two sisters, Karen Scott and Betty Welch.

Lynn was a lifelong member of Ward Chapel AME Church, where she was one of only two women to serve as trustee. She ensured that all church documents were filed in a timely manner and kept secure. She was chair of the Social Action Commission, Organized candidate forum, registered voters, and kept the congregation informed on issues affecting their community with events like the Monday Morning Meeting.

Lynn was passionate to fight for all people and started at a young age joining in with NAACP efforts to change hiring practices at Sears & Roebucks and Cilco Electric Co. in Peoria. She continued through her life on numerous committees and boards. Lynn was elected to the Peoria County board in 1984 and served faithful for 32 years, retiring in 2016. Lynn continued breaking racial barriers by becoming the first African American to be appointed Chairperson of the board, serving in that position from 1998-2000. She also served as Vice-Chair from 1992-94 and 1996-98. She served on numerous committees while on the county board and was a trailblazer for many incentives that our region benefits from still today. Lynn's commitment to public service goes beyond her service as a County Board Member. Lynn started on the Police and Fire Commission as a member on June 28, 2005. She was Chairperson on the Commission from 2008 to 2022. She was Vice Chair until December 2023. She played a very active role on the Commission and was very much respected and appreciated. Her service on the Commission will be greatly missed. Her focus also extends to other community and national work such as: President of the Friendship House board, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Chairperson of Peoria County

Democratic Women Committee, Chairperson of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Lifelong member of the Peoria NAACP, Co-chair of Peoria Community Against Violence, a Member of Peoria African American Hall of Fame, a delegate for the 1980 Democratic Convention for Jimmy Carter, Charter member of Peoria Red Hat Club, A. Phillip Randolph Foundation Chapter Member, and the United Way Board.

She was the 2017 recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Service Leadership Award among other awards and achievements in her lifetime. She mentored many women through the years as a champion in female empowerment in politics and civic affairs.

Lynn donated her body to science. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Peoria Friendship House or Ward Chapel AME Church.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at SimonsMortuary.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Alexandria Lynn Pearson.*



April 16, 2024 at 12:26 PM



“ *From Barbara Jenkins Jamison: Lynn Pearson was my dear best friend forever since the age of 5 years old. She was definitely my sister I never had. So grateful to God for that i had the wonderful opportunity to know such a wonderful person as Lynn thru out our lifetime. We always stayed in touch. Will miss our long telephone calls. Have a happy heavenly rest. Love your BFF Barbara*

Barbara Jamison - March 29, 2024 at 11:37 AM



“ *Had the privilege of knowing Lynn for many years at Caterpillar and the community. Lynn epitomizes the word “ Servant “. Great lady who will be sorely missed in this community. Heartfelt condolences to the entire Pearson family who without question must be extremely proud of this dedicated lady.
Brother Ray & Sister Mary .*

Raymond Smith - March 28, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Lynn lead by example and was a strong Christian leader in our community who will be greatly missed. Condolences and prayers to her family.*

Jim Ardis - March 25, 2024 at 11:29 AM

CS

“ Charlie Loretta Simpson lit a candle in memory of Alexandria Pearson



Charlie & Loretta Simpson - March 25, 2024 at 09:42 AM

KL

“ My deepest condolences to Jay and his family members. May God bless all.

Kerry Leiby - March 24, 2024 at 06:08 PM

RN

“ Rufus Kim Nelson lit a candle in memory of Alexandria Pearson



Rufus & Kim Nelson - March 24, 2024 at 05:28 PM

JQ

“ Our thoughts and hugs are with the Pearson Family Alex Lynn Smile always warmed our Hearts The “Q”uerciagrossa Famiies 🌻🙏



Janes Querciagrossa - March 24, 2024 at 10:24 AM

MB

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Lynn as a County Board member and leader and member of our local Democratic party including when she was chair for the local Democratic Women's Committee. Lynn was a truly golden person to have known. God bless.

Judge (retired) Michael Brandt

Michael & Gretchen Brandt - March 24, 2024 at 07:50 AM

PC

“ To the family of Ms.Alexandria Lynn Pearson:

The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Although our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord will comfort you and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure. He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.

God be with you,

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II
Lady Marcia J. Bolden
and the PCJC Church Family*

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ - March 23, 2024 at 08:11 PM

SC

“ *What an amazing Leader in the Peoria Community! Ms. Pearson was a Mentor to many and leaves a legacy of greatness!!! We love you Ms. Pearson and Praise God for the example you leave!!! 🙏🌹*
The Carter-Allen-Walker Family



Sherry Carter-Allen - March 23, 2024 at 12:32 PM

NM

“ *Knew Lynn for a short time at Liberty Village. Wasn't aware what a remarkable woman she was. Always had a smile and was kind to everyone. Sympathy to her family.*

Nancy Marlott - March 23, 2024 at 12:16 PM

HB

“ *Lynn was the strongest, kindest, sweetest person - a true humanitarian. Her memory will linger forever with those who loved her. Condolences to her family and friends. Helen L. Burgess (Peoria County Clerk's Office)*

Helen L Burgess - March 23, 2024 at 11:06 AM

AB

“ *Lynn was a grand lady who will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Anna Brown - March 23, 2024 at 07:57 AM

RG

“ My condolences to Lynn's entire family. I just heard last night at Independence Village of her passing. I worked with her at Morton parts for many years. A wonderful person. Dedicated to the union and helping her community. She was a friend of my fathers and worked on many committees with him. She gave so much of herself for others. A great sense of humor too! God bless!

Rich Gilmore - March 22, 2024 at 09:39 PM

TS

“ Lynn was one to follow, she gave much and gave her all, she will be missed - Twinkle

Twinkle Stuckey - March 22, 2024 at 07:03 PM

MC

“ Loved Aunt Lynn!!! A beautiful person, funny, full of wisdom and very knowledgeable!!! God welcomed His Child home. ❤️❤️❤️🕊️

Michael T Callen and Annette Callen - March 22, 2024 at 05:56 PM

BR

“ Brian Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Alexandria Pearson



Brian Rhoades - March 22, 2024 at 05:02 PM

VB

“ My condolences to Allen, and Jay. May God comfort you during this time. Sending hugs, and prayers., My Friends. Veronica (Ronnie) George-Ball



Veronica L George Ball - March 22, 2024 at 03:29 PM

CH

“ Lynn was a beautiful person inside and out...CJ

Conie J Higgins - March 22, 2024 at 01:54 PM

SJ

“ Shawn Jackson-Hughes lit a candle in memory of Alexandria Pearson



Shawn Jackson-Hughes - March 22, 2024 at 01:24 PM

PH

“ Phillip Hickman lit a candle in memory of Alexandria Pearson



Phillip E. Hickman - March 22, 2024 at 07:27 AM

MB

“ *Ms. Pearson was such a beautiful person and a pillar to our city and community. Rest in Peace. Mr. & Mrs. Agbara Bryson*



Margaret Bryson - March 21, 2024 at 03:12 PM

MB

“ *Our condolences to the Family-The Chandler Family*



Margaret Bryson - March 21, 2024 at 03:06 PM

MM

“ *We lived on Sanford and played as young children-8 or 9. will miss Lynn-Pastor Melvin M. McAfee.*

Melvin M. McAfee - March 21, 2024 at 02:58 PM

MC

“ *As a little boy 10 years old I came to know this beautiful lady when I too was a member of Ward Chapel AME Church. She was always kind to me and had the love of a mother. When she served on the Peoria County Board she always looked to be a servant of the people as she served God. This precious Saint has gone home to her heavenly reward. Truly a life well lived.*

Minister Donald Cummings - March 21, 2024 at 04:27 AM

EG

“ *Edie Grady lit a candle in memory of Alexandria Pearson*



Edie Grady - March 20, 2024 at 10:39 PM

RA

“ *Renee Adell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alexandria Lynn Pearson*



Renee Adell - March 20, 2024 at 06:20 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Ward lit a candle in memory of Alexandria Pearson*



Patricia Ward - March 20, 2024 at 04:59 PM