



Augusta Pearson

September 27, 1920 - September 27, 2006

Augusta Pearson, 86, Wing, passed away September 27, 2006, in Fargo, ND. A celebration of Augusta's life will be held Saturday, September 30, at 10 AM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wing, with the Rev. Muriel Lippert and the Rev. Darrel Aleson officiating. Burial will be at the Wing Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 AM - 9 PM Friday at Eastgate Funeral Service, Bismarck, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. A prayer service will be held at 7 PM Friday evening at the funeral home. Augusta Georgia Pearson was born September 27, 1920 in Chapin, ND, the daughter of Thomas and Josie Hanwell. She was raised and graduated from Wilton High School in 1938. She received a teaching degree in Minot at Minot Teachers College in 1940. She taught in a country school north of Wilton, ND. Augusta also worked at Gray's Drug for two years. During World War II she moved to Washington State and worked in a ship yard. While she was in Washington she was united in marriage to Ruben A. Pearson on July 26, 1943. Upon returning they made their home in Wilton, ND, operating several bars and a bowling alley. In 1956 they purchased a farm NE of Wing. They farmed and made that their home until 1985, at which time they bought a home in Wing. Ruben passed away January 3, 1991. Augusta was active in the Wing Congregational Church, Ladies Aide, Wing Homemakers, and served as a democratic judge at elections. She accomplished all this while raising her three boys plus assisting in all the farming operations. Weekends were usually spent in Wilton or at the farm. Her home was a welcoming place for her nieces

and nephews, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. Augusta was known for always having hot coffee and a delicious meal and pleasant conversation. Many evenings and afternoons were spent playing cards of canasta, whist, and skipbo. Augusta was the cornerstone of her family. She was a role model for her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She made a lasting impression on all the lives she touched. Augusta was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her three sons, Robert, Fargo, ND, Ronald Sheryle, and Eric Susan, all of Bismarck, ND; six grandchildren, Camille Scott Pearson Walz, Maple Plain, MN, Marci Terry Dvorak, Dickinson, ND, Jon Darlene, Devils Lake, ND, Ronnie Jr., Jason, and Carmen, all of Bismarck, ND; three step-grandchildren, Jennifer Hanna, Lori Chad Renken, and Desiree Shane Herman; nine grandchildren, Brooke and Austin Pearson, Kass, Sadi, and Kaden Dvorak, William and Joshua Walz, and Jamison Lincoln, and Devon Dean; nine step-great-grandchildren, Zachariah and Teal Hanna, Logan, Broden, and Treyson Renken, Brianna, Morgan, MaKyia, and Ava Grace Herman; twenty three nieces and nephews; a wonderful caregiver, Mary Ann Lippert; sisters-in-law, Delores Hanwell, Mary Pearson, and Helen Marvin Johnson; and brothers-in-law, Douglas Cathy Pearson and John Lambros. She was preceded in death by her parents; and five siblings, Amelia Rise, Francis Bartholomew, Thomas Hanwell, Virgil Hanwell, and Robert Hanwell.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Grams - there will be a terrible void in our life and we will miss you ever so much. You came from a strong line of women and we will work hard to keep from disappointing you. Thank you for *EVERYTHING* -For always being there - For driving through blizzards to see us in our Christmas programs - we would peer out into the church and see you, Dad & Gramps sitting there - and then we knew everything was right. For helping raise us along with having to run the farm, cook all the big meals for the field hands and care for Gramps. For allowing us to mess up your house in order to play imaginative games; store & restaurant and then sending us outside to play while you cleaned it all up. For letting us "drive" you home from the Arena store. For accomodating all our needs and our prefernces for various kinds of macaroni or chocolate milkshakes at bedtime. For the best food in the county - bread & buns made with such love they'd melt in your mouth. For all the trips to Minneapolis as a kid and as as adult - remember the one day trip for my interview for my first job out of college and I got the job! For keeping us connected with all our cousins and instilling in us the importance of FAMILY and stick-togetherness. For opening your home to everyone. For teaching us how to be confident, compassionate and without self pity. For never saying an unkind word about anyone. For helping your neighbors. For becoming a Grandma to all. For seeing us as PERFECT, always. For your selflessness & strength - how can we compare? I know you are in a most glorious place and it is such a comfort to know that you will be waiting for us. If every kid had a Grandma like we had, the world would be a kinder place to live. Thank you God for loaning us our Grandma for as long as you did. All my love, always Kam & fam

Camille - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ It seems just like yesterday, I would run up the stairs out at the farm and see the three girls taking their "nap." There were many fun times out at the farm. The best thing though is that we always knew we were loved. Arms were always open, tears were always accepted, and love freely given. Jesus, brothers, sisters, husband and other family are all rejoicing at another "angel" joining them in Heaven. God Bless the Hanwell-Pearson Family

Pat & Sheila Bernhardt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ From the very first time I met Gussie I always felt welcomed into her family. She wouldn't let you feel like you didn't belong. So comforting to all, always wanting you to sit and have coffee and visit a spell. As the years went by and I had the privelege to meet all of the family I had the same feeling with all of the Pearson's. They all had big hearts and would do anything for you. I felt the love and kindness from all....they WERE "all the same!!"....She was a wonderful teacher! I never felt like a "daughter in law" I always felt like her daughter, she never treated me any different that her own children. I never heard her talk ill of anyone, she would always have something possitive to say. She never complained, She enjoyed life right untill the end. I am so blessed to have meet and be loved by Gussie. She also taught me a few things that I will be greatful for all the rest of my life. I will never forget my last day with Ma she held her hands up, with the last bit of strenth that she had left, to give me a hug and as I reached down to hug her back she said, " I Love You " What wonderful last words to hear from a lady who truely knew how to love!!! Thank You Augusta, I have been blessed to have known you.

SUSAN M PEARSON - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

“ WHY WAS MY MOTHER SO SPECIAL???AS I WOKE UP THIS MORNING I WAS THINKING OF MY MOTHER. TODAY IS HER FUNERAL AND I WONDERED WHY WAS SHE SO SPECIAL. SHE DID AS MOST MOTHERS, SPENT HER LIFE RAISING AND TAKING CARE OF HER CHILDREN. SHE DID ALL THE NORMAL MOTHERLY THINGS LIKE , FEEDING BATHING,TEACHING YET SHE DID MORE. SHE LOVED US EACH DAY EVEN IF WE DIDN'T HAVE IT COMING THAT DAY!THIS CONSTANT ALWAYS EXCEPTING LOVE IS NO EASY TASK, AS ALL OF US WITH CHILDREN KNOW.SHE LOVED AND ACCEPTED US WHETHER WE WERE GOOD OR BAD.SHE LOVED AND ACCEPTED US WHETHER WE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR DROPPED OUT OF COLLEGE. WHETHER WE WERE GETTING MARRIED OR GETTING DIVORCED. IT DIDN'T MATTER SHE ALWAYS LOVED AND ACCEPTED. WHERE DOES A MOTHER FIND THE COURAGE AND PATIENCE TO LIVE THIS WAY? I THEN REALIZED IT WAS HER FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. HE WAS HER SOURCE OF STRENGTH. IT WAS HIS GIFT TO HER. AS WE GATHERED WITH OUR FAMILY LAST NIGHT,I KNOW SHE WAS HAPPY THAT WE WERE ALL TOGETHER. SHE HAD HER SONS,THEIR WIVES, HER GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, HER NEICES AND NEPHEWS ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES, SISTER AND BROTHER IN LAWS..SHE WAS PROUD OF ALL OF THEM. AS WE VISITED I LOOKED AROUND THE ROOM, I REALIZED THAT MANY OF HER SAME STRENGTHS AND POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES WERE ALSO WITH OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. SHE HAS PASSED ON HER GIFTS TO US.SHE DIDN'T DO IT BY CRITIZING OR PREACHING TO US, SHE DID IT BY HER ACTIONS.SHE SHOWED US THE WAY TO LOVE EACH OTHER NO MATTER WHAT.NOT JUST ON SUNDAYS FOR A HOUR, BUT ALSO ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THE REST OF THE WEEK. THIS IS WHY SHE WAS SO SPECIAL AND WHY ALTHOUGH SHE MAY NOT BE WITH US PHYSICALLY SHE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH US...WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS MOTHER.

ERIC T PEARSON - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I will miss Gussy. Although I was not family, She always made me feel that I was. She was a loving and wonderful woman with one of the biggest hearts. Her strength and vivacity will never be forgotten nor will her impact in my life. I will never forget her and I will always love her.

Rebecca Batz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all at this difficult time. God Bless You all!!

Carrie Hamalainen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gussie was a kind and caring person and will be greatly missed.

Monica Glanville - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Grandma - You have been so much to so many. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. I cherish growing up on the farm with you by my side. I am grateful that in my adult life that you were always close to me as well. Your loving arms were always such a source of comfort to me when I felt sad or just needed to know everything was going to be okay. The influence and guidance you've had on my life will be with me always. You children, your grandkids, and great-grandkids felt all your love and I know that you felt all our love,too, even until the very end. You will be missed more than you ever could have imagined. I love you, Gram.Marci

Marci Dvorak - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Please know, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely
sympathy to the family.

Jeff and Sheri Murrey and girls - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM