



Albert Brant "Hap" Pearson

October 7, 1907 - June 2, 2008

Funeral services for Hap Pearson, will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at the Alva Presbyterian Church with Rev. Judy Pistle officiating. There will be a visitation with the family at Marshall Funeral Home of Alva from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. At his request, Hap will be cremated after the service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Albert Brant "Hap" Pearson, a long time Woods County, Oklahoma resident was born October 7, 1907, in Neodesha, Kansas, to Albert Francis and Elzina (Van Huss) Pearson. Hap passed away June 2, 2008, at Share Medical Center, at the age of 100 years, 7 months and 26 days.

Hap grew up in Waldron, Kansas, where he completed the fourth grade. He came to Oklahoma in 1919 at the age of twelve. He found employment working for ranchers, farmers, and construction in the Waynoka area. While working for Jess Barker, a farmer, he was given the nickname of "Happy" by Mr. Barker because he was always singing and had a happy personality.

In 1924 while working for Mr. Barker, Happy met his future wife, Florence Haltom. After two years of dating, they were married on September 7, 1926. During the early years of the Pearson&s marriage, Happy worked in farming, railroad construction, gas stations, and the W. P. A. It was during his W. P. A. days where he began his carpentry work. The major W. P. A. project that he worked on was the Alva Swimming Pool, which is still in use. In 1941, the Pearsons moved to Alva. Happy worked as a civilian doing construction at

Camp Gruber near Muskogee, the Prisoner of War Camp at Alva, the Clinton-Sherman Airbase at Burns Flat and fifteen months on the Island of Attu of the Aleutian Islands. It was after the move to Alva that Happy became Hap by his friends and co-workers.

After Hap's return to Alva near the end of the war, he worked as a carpenter and he and Florence ran the Mitton Creamery and Ice Cream Store for five years. After the Mitton Family sold their business, Hap began working for Rose Brothers Construction who were building Percival Fieldhouse on the Northwestern State College Campus. Hap's main duty was the hanging of the many large mahogany doors in the building.

After the fieldhouse was completed, Northwestern President, Sabin Percival, hired Hap for three months to build two projects. After they were completed, other projects were found for Hap to do. In 1954, new president, Dr. Brown, hired Hap as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. In 1956, Dr. J. W. Martin, became the President of Northwestern, which was the beginning of new buildings and renovations of existing buildings and the construction of the football and baseball fields. Hap retired from Northwestern July 1, 1974.

Hap developed a love for sports as a youngster and as a young man, he played baseball on the town teams of Greensburg, Hopeton, Dacoma, Waynoka, Alva, plus Waldron and Pratt, Kansas. In his later years, Hap loved to tube fish for bass and hunt quail. He was an avid fan and supporter of Alva and Northwestern athletics. When he had time he also enjoyed crossword puzzles, rodeos, western novels, music, dominoes, pitch, and dancing with Florence.

Besides his parents, Hap was preceded in death by his loving wife of sixty-six years in 1992, one son, Leon; three brothers, three sisters, a grandson, two great granddaughters, two sons-in-law, and a daughter-in-law.

He leaves behind a daughter, Jeanette Detwiler of Alva, two sons, Darrel Pearson, and his wife, Jean, of Oologah, Oklahoma, Larry Pearson, and his wife, Sonya, of Clinton, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and 19 great-great grandchildren, and 1 great great great grandson. Survivors

also include a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation or the Alva Public School Education Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Albert Brant "Hap" Pearson*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *I am a friend of Marylin Hall (her maiden name) and would like to let her know I am very sorry about her grand dad. I spent a lot of time at the Pearson home when they lived on the college campus and knew Hap and his wife. If some of the family would give my email address to Marylin, I would appreciate it. Thank you. Revenna Grimes*

Revenna Eckels Grimes - June 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Family, How fortunate we all were to have this wonderful man in our lives. We did not get to see him as much as we would have liked to, but the stories Rosalie would tell us about her big brother were so interesting to hear. We loved when he came out to Washington with Darrel. Bill and Rosalie came for his 90 th Birthday. They had such fun. Uncle Brandt also came to see us all when we were in Wellington Kansas for a family reunion. He pulled up in his beautiful car. He drove all the way to see us. We had such a nice visit. He was a kind and loving man. We are so sorry for your loss. Love Bill and Shirley Guinn*

Bill and Shirley Guinn - June 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ So many great memories of Hap. He was and will always be a wonderful man. I enjoyed playing our games and looking out to see him cheering us on. He body may have passed at 100 but his spirit will forever be with all he met. My prayers are with the family. Love, Loni (Former NWOSU Softball memeber)

Loni Ouellette - June 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jennifer, we know how much you loved your Great Great Grandpa Hap. Remember the card that I gave you about the Oak Tree. I&m glad that you have all of the memories with him. I&m also glad that you spent all of these last few weeks with him. Stay strong and know that he&s not in pain anymore! We Love You!

Adam & Kristi Kelly - June 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I&m sorry to hear about the loss of uncle Hap. I have so many great memories of uncle Hap, but probably the things that I remember most were his smile and his genuine kindness. I&m thinking of you during this difficult time.

Steve Haltom - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Pearson Family,
What a long life Hap got to experience. I know we are never ready to let them go so just remember all the memories you were able to make with him! Thinking of you at this time.

Trooper Jimmy & Julie (Davison) Helm - June 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM