



## Paul E. Pearson

June 6, 2026

Paul E. "Buckwheat" Pearson, 75, It is with super heavy hearts that our family is announcing Paul's passing on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Ross E. and the late Josephine F. Mankiewicz Pearson and was married to Joan M. Groff Pearson for 22 years.

He was a member of the Riverside Club and was a life member of Amvets.

He loved to fish and in his younger years and ride his Harley. He was a fun person and loved to make you laugh. We will miss him terribly.

He was a veteran of the Marine Corp. (Hoo rah) and worked for Amtrak railroad from 1980 to 2011 when he retired.

He will be eternally missed by his adorable wife, Joan and her children, Wanda Hansel (Kevin), Randy Sweigart (Cindy) and Alan Sweigart, all from Mechanicsburg. He will also be eternally missed by his three sisters: Kathy Pearson of Lancaster, Ann Fisher (Daryl) of Strasburg and Joyce Rehkugler of Florida and his nieces, Nadine Griffis (Jim) of Arizona and Michele Rineer (Bobby) of Quarryville, also he has a great niece, Heather Morrison of Quarryville and a great nephew, Darren Rineer (Victoria) of Drumore. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Larry Pearson of Lancaster.

A Viewing will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Sunday, June 14, 2026 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Interment will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, 60 Indiantown Gap Road, Annville, PA 17003, on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

# Cemetery Details

## Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

60 Indiantown Gap Rd  
Annville, PA 17003  
(717) 865-5254

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JUN 14.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
admin@thegroffs.com  
<https://thegroffs.com/>

## Graveside

**JUN 17.** 2:30 PM (ET)

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery  
60 Indiantown Gap Rd  
Annville, PA 17003  
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# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Though life circumstances sent us down different paths, I have many fond memories of Paul and the Pearson family I was part of many years ago. You were the best brother-in-law a girl could ask for. Hope you and Larry are fishing buddies again. RIP my friend and my condolences to all the girls.*

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**cheryl flury** - June 19 at 02:28 PM

MC

“ *We did know Paul and Joanie very well but Kathy has told us so much about them that I feel I have known them both forever! Kathy is my most precious aunt (Uncle Jimmy was her soulmate) and friend, and I know how much her love extends to family and friends...her love and generosity have no limit! We truly are so saddened by the loss of Paul for the Pearson family. I know he will remain in their hearts forever and be another heavenly protector over them. Our continued prayers are with you. Love Georgie & Marta Carbone*

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**Marta Carbone** - June 11 at 02:56 PM

GG

“ *Georgie & Marta (THE PHILLY GANG) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Paul E. Pearson.*



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**Georgie & Marta (THE PHILLY GANG)** - June 11 at 02:41 PM

H"

“ I did not know Paul well, but his sister Kathy was my very best friend when we lived in Hickory Tree Heights. He would tease us, not to often but even then he looked out for us. I am so very sorry for everyone's loss of this good man. I know Kathy adored him. My deepest condolences to this family. Hilde "Tiny" McClearen.

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**Hilde McClearen "Tiny"** - June 10 at 11:09 AM

BB

“ Deepest condolences to Joan and family. Buckwheat is a neighbor and we will miss him and his bright sense of humor. R.I.P. Marine ... ooh rah ! GOD Bless ... Bob & Debbie BODNAR

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**Bob Bodnar** - June 10 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ Buckwheat my friend I wondered where you are now I know. I remember or Marine Corps days and taking you to the SWOOP circle in York to go back to the base after I got out. You living with us after you got out. Then we parted ways I never knew why! Our lives just went different directions. I hope you are at Peace and someday we can meet again. At one time we were like Brothers. Barracks 8 Mainside Marine Corp that was our home away from Lancaster. for a long time. Swooping back to Lejeune. Your Brother Abby to came with us. I remember him to. You would like it here lots of Fish for you. Makes me sad we didn't see each other before you passed. Last time was Pep Boys East Towne mall when we ran into each other. You standing duty for me so I could go home 2nd Marines. Yes my Brother I will never forget the time we spent together. Semper fi "Buckwheat" until we meet again!  
Your Brother Jon

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**Jon Bruce** - June 10 at 08:22 AM

AC

“ Rest in peace Paul. I miss you. The boys miss you. I hope you know how much you've impacted our lives in the last 16 years. I know you're at peace now and not feeling the strife of a tired body. Just 4 days before you passed, when you said "Don't ever get old!" with that intoxicating chuckle. Paul was always looking out for everyone else. We moved in with our son Dylan at just 3 years old and he encouraged him and looked out for him. The amount of mornings he waited outside to send Dylan off to school while we walked out to the bus is probably in the thousands. We had 2 more sons after moving in and the same devotion was given to them. 7:45 am on a school day will never feel the same. The electricity goes out? No one else but me and Paul outside scoping it out taking a walk on where it went out at. We would literally branch out and have the meet to see where. Gosh, so many interesting times spent with a good man! The one time Dylan was getting bullied and you came out ready to go! Or beeping on the corner because the one neighbor kid doesn't ride on the side of the road. The morning my Uncle Lewie's obituary was posted, he was waiting outside for me to offer his condolences and more importantly, just plain love. I'm going to miss you Buckwheat! It's been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and you being part of our family! Forever will continue the path you've shown us.

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**Ann Gorman Callahan** - June 10 at 12:57 AM

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*Pop Pop, I will miss you! We will miss you as well! Donnie, Randy and Cindy*

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**Cynthia Sweigart** - June 10 at 03:59 PM