

Community Record

Obituaries

Herman A. Pearson

Herman A. Pearson, longtime resident of Gardiner and Port Townsend, Wash., died Jan. 12, 2001, in Silverdale, Wash.

Born Sept. 26, 1919, to John A. and Julia (Poolman) Pearson in Granite Falls, Wash., in 1922 he moved with his family to Seattle, Wash., where he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1938. Further education was received at Highline Community College.

On Feb. 8, 1941, he married Marjorie "Mardy" Palmer at Central Lutheran Church in Seattle.

In his early years, Mr. Pearson was a Boy Scout troop leader. During World War II, he served in the Coast Guard Reserve, guarding the perimeters of Seattle in small boats.

Employed by Boeing in 1940, he served for many years as a supervisor, retiring in 1972 as a senior supervisor. At that time he and his wife moved to Gardiner and began a new career as owners/operators of the Gardiner General Store, gas station and post office.

He immediately became involved in local activities: Rhododendron Grange, Elks, the Gardiner Fire Department, where he also served for a time as fire commissioner,



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and Gardiner Community Church, where he filled many leadership positions and served on the building committee.

In 1979, the couple moved to Discovery Bay near Port Townsend and began to spend more time traveling.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 60 years, Mardy; daughter and son-in-law Marjane and Jim Olason of Gig Harbor, Wash.; son Peter of Kent, Wash.; sons and daughters-in-law John and Deanna of Kent, and Mark and Cecilia of Union City, Calif.; grandchildren Douglas, Mark, Jason, Sean, Gerald, Holly, Angela, Jessica, Megan and Alex; 12 great-grandchildren; and sisters Anna May Hanson of Auburn, Wash., and Jewel Failor of Seattle.

He was preceded in death by his sister Theresa Canoy, grandson Layne and brother Jack.

A memorial service is planned at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21 at Gardiner Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be sent to Gardiner Community Church, 1040 Old Gardiner Road, Gardiner, WA 98382.