

Dr. Bill Pearish

February 26, 1955 - February 13, 2015

Before he was "Doc," he was "The Kid." Bill Pearish was an amazing man. No one can deny that. He started boxing at the age of 12. Working his way up to ranking 11th in the world by Ring Magazine.

Most notably, Bill claimed 20 Golden Gloves - 6 of these were from Joplin, which is a record yet to be

contested. That man always had a fighting spirit. Although laid back & low key, he could stop anyone in their tracks with any one of the various quotes he carried around in his cowboy hat & black boots - "brevity is the brother of brilliance" when he thought maybe you shouldn't speak so much..., "Step into my office..." when you were doing something maybe not exactly on the up & up... Bill/Dad/Gramps' most important accomplishment came in the form of many red-heads - Ginger, Kody, Cade, Finn. His children, Billy & Tadd, were his pride & joy. The grandchildren were the light of his world.

He always held Ginger on a pedestal & showed us all how a woman should be treated. We all love you so much, so much, Doc! God summoned a mighty angel this time!

Dr. Bill Joe Pearish, 59, of Grove and a long time Fairland Public Schools and Northeastern A&M

Instructor passed away surrounded by his family Friday, February 13, 2015. He was born on February 26, 1955 in Joplin, Missouri to Forrest Eugene and Elizabeth Marie (Hall) Pearish. May 27, 1978 in Webb City, Missouri he married his wife of thirty-six years Ginger Gail Rogers. Bill worked for Wal-Mart as a store manager in several states while attending Missouri Southern State College where he received his bachelor's degree. He later attended Northeastern State University to attain his Master's Degree, then Oklahoma State University for his Doctorate. He and Ginger moved to Grove in 1992, that is when he started his teaching career at Fairland Public Schools. He had also been an adjunct professor at Rogers State University for a short period of time and had taught at Northeast Oklahoma A&M College for many years also. In Dr. Pearish's early years he started as a Golden Glove Boxer and worked his way into being a professional. He still hit the heavy bag every day at the house. Everyone that knew Doc Pearish or Heavy P knew he was a

Duke Basketball Fanatic; he also enjoyed reading, fishing and spending time with his family. Dr. Pearish was preceded in passing by his father Forrest Eugene Pearish, an infant sister Betty Jean Pearish, his sister Juanita Pearish and a granddaughter Avery Pearish.

Surviving family is his wife Ginger Pearish of the home, his mother Elizabeth Marie Pearish of Galena, Kansas his children Billy Pearish Jr. and his wife Holly of Seneca, Tadd Pearish and his wife Loni of Monkey Island, three brothers Forrest Eugene Pearish Jr. and his wife Chris of Joplin, Missouri, Bob Pearish of Oronogo, Missouri and Jim Pearish of Galena, Kansas. Along with his grandsons Kody Pearish, Colby Pearish, Cade Pearish and Finn Pearish and one great grandson Logan Pearish.

Services are 10:30 AM February 19, 2015 at Fairland Public Schools Gymnasium with Mr. Jerry Johnson and Minister Nate Anderson officiating. Services are entrusted to Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairland.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Dr. Bill Pearish Scholarship Fund, through the Fairland Public Schools Enrichment Foundation P.O. Box 695 Fairland, Oklahoma 74343.

Friends and family may share notes of encouragement by viewing Dr. Pearish's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com

Previous Events

Service

FEB **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fairland Public Schools Gym

202 West Washington Ave.

Fairland, OK 74343

<http://www.fairlandowls.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Bill Pearish*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - February 23, 2015 at 01:54 PM

AM

“ *Amber lit a candle in memory of Dr. Bill Pearish*



Amber - April 01, 2015 at 12:56 AM

SR

“ *I had Dr. Pearish (Doc) at NEO for two classes within the last two years: Composition I and II. He was a very gentle man who made coming to class a real joy. He worked with me on a very nontraditional research paper on the special bonds of identical twins, and he allowed me to send surveys to nine sets of identical twins and use their quotes in my paper. He seemed to enjoy my passion (as I am an identical twin as well.) I will never forget how cooperative and truly interested he was with my subject and the resulting research paper. NEO has lost a true educator. I know of one other classmate who had Doc for Speech as well as Comp, and he certainly brought out the best in her, too. My condolences go out to his family, even though I do not know you. He was truly a humble man considering the knowledge and skills he had. You must have been truly blessed to love and live with him.*

Sharon Ruckman, Grove, OK

Sharon Ruckman - February 21, 2015 at 02:57 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember so many happy times at Gene and Bettys when we were kids growing up. We would laugh and play outside, and just didn't have a care in the world. Good Times. Ginger mine and Bettys hearts go out to you and your family. We will be keeping you in our prayers. Love, Johna and family, Betty

Johna McAfee - February 19, 2015 at 10:16 AM

TM

“ We would like to send our heart-felt condolences to all of the Pearish family. There are many good memories of the days- gone- by Golden Gloves, sparring at the old Boy's Club.

smokers, Kansas City and our family there to support us. Many are gone on now, but will never be forgotten. I will always think of those good times. Jim, thank you for coming to my dad's visitation when he passed. You are all in our prayers and always in our memories. Bill was a great guy.

Sincerely,

The McMinn Family, Tony, and Joan, (Clarence's widow)

Tony Mc Minn - February 18, 2015 at 02:30 PM

DM


“ Looking down the hall throughout the day watching Bill, Win and Jerry sharing stories and watching Bill slap his knee and the laugh that always would come, made me laugh each day. Never down always smiling and looking up. Kenny and I respected Bill and always will remember him fondly. Our love and prayers Ginger and family.

Kenny and Diana Marshall

Diana Marshall - February 18, 2015 at 07:51 AM

KM

“ Heavy P you were an inspiration to us all. Thank you for teaching us all so much more than just what was taught in class. To never give up on your dreams... And thank you for being a friend. Wish I could "Step into your office" one last time.... Love, Hecate :)

To family and friends.... praying for comfort during this difficult time... May God put his hands on you and bring you peace. Much love..... 

#Go Duke

Kimberly Mowery - February 17, 2015 at 06:02 PM

KM

“ *Kimberly Mowery lit a candle in memory of Dr. Bill Pearish*



Kimberly Mowery - February 17, 2015 at 05:50 PM

TS

“ *Dear Ginger, I am keeping you and your family in my quiet thoughts and prayers. Tausca Schillaci, Centennial, CO*

Tausca Schillaci - February 17, 2015 at 04:33 PM

ME

“ *Ginger, I am so sorry for your loss. Meg Berrian, Webb City*

Meg - February 17, 2015 at 08:55 AM

KM

“ *Ginger and family, some of my best memories of high school are in the walls of Heavy P's classroom. I will always remember the smile on your faces, even when we bugged you guys in the late hours of the night. Dr. Parish sold what he taught, and the life lessons he taught will burn in our hearts forever.*

Kevin Miller - February 16, 2015 at 09:53 PM

WS

“ *Ginger, Bill, Jr., Tadd, Loni and family. We have lost a great man, friend and athlete. He competed in the Golden Gloves National Tournament and finished in the top two boxers. That is quite an honor. Yet, he never talked about it. Honest, humble, hard working, and a "special" friend to all his students and friends. Bill will be missed. My prayers are with you, his family, whom he loved dearly. Duke basketball lost one of their strongest supporters ever. Win*

Win Smith - February 14, 2015 at 05:26 PM



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Lynn Smith - February 14, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ *James Wood lit a candle in memory of Dr. Bill Pearish*



James Wood - February 14, 2015 at 04:20 AM



“ *Miss Ginger. I am truly heartbroken over the news of Doc. He will be missed greatly by the many people who loved him so. I pray that God wraps His loving arms around you and comforts you and your family through this time. God bless you all. (I know he was welcomed home by a bubbly young lady who loved him so very much.)*



Lois Beamer-Blair - February 14, 2015 at 03:32 AM



I know she will! He was so fond of her.

Ginger Pearish - February 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM



“ *He taught me how to be a more confident man, and to believe in myself, I will never for get that!! Prayers for him and his family !!*

jody sanchez - February 14, 2015 at 02:00 AM



“ Will miss him dearly. Words cant express my feelings right now for a man who had big impact in my life. Sorry tab and sweet p for your loss

Corey Burris - February 13, 2015 at 11:38 PM



“ Everytime I would see Doc at the store or school he would always ask me how my day was he was an amazing teacher and person will miss you

Ana Wallace - February 13, 2015 at 11:11 PM



“ Praying for you Ginger and your family. Bill was respected, and I always remember him with a cup of coffee. Words cannot express my heart felt sympathy. May God hold you and give your strength in the days ahead. Carla Murphy

Carla Murphy - February 13, 2015 at 10:34 PM



“ I always loved how his class could be an open debate about anything given any random day.. loved how at ease he taught us don't think I ever seen him mad :(

Teona Jackson - February 13, 2015 at 10:17 PM



“ Ginger, Tad, and family, Terry and I are thinking of you all during this very hard time. Bill has a wonderful legacy of love and has touched so many young people in the years he has shared his extraordinary gift of teaching. May God Bless you all.

Ron Cash - February 13, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ Bill Pearish, Mr. P in 1995-96, was our daughter's teacher. He taught her English and Speech. He said she was his first to go to state speech competition. It was such a nice experience with him and his family, and he was such a wonderful teacher and person. God bless his family, students, and friends!!

jackie matthews - February 13, 2015 at 07:54 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr.Parrish was one of my favorite teachers. I had a fear of public speaking and through taking his class I was able to over come my fear. He was amazing person and teacher. He will be so missed .

Holly Johnson Schuler - February 13, 2015 at 06:38 PM

RV

“ My first day in doc's class I had on a shirt that said keep laughing this is your girlfriends shirt and doc told me he had never found a good reason to wear pink and after that he finally found a reason to wear the color pink

Reid VanHoose - February 13, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ Master P. taught me more in one year in drama class than any other teacher taught me in four years of there class!!! He was an outstanding teacher whether it be in English or Speech and Drama!!! Doc p was a one of a kind man and teacher never to be forgotten!! Mr. Pearish I thank you for your encouragement and great thoughts!!! One in a million right here!! I am so glad I was privileged to have him as my teacher my mentor.



Adam Harris - February 13, 2015 at 05:39 PM

CA

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The Matthews Family

jackie matthews - February 13, 2015 at 04:36 PM

HZ

“Ginger and Tad, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Pearish was a great example of a leader. He was inviting but didn't take any crap. He taught us all in a manner that seemed fun but we were learning. Skills I still use today are public speaking and the occasional bs I had to give like my extemporaneous speeches I had no idea of the subject matter. I tell all my employees if they need help with a speech I can help. I am awesome at that. Tell them what your going to tell them, tell them, then tell em what you told em. Thank you Mr. Pearish. I will continue to teach your speech techniques.

Haley Mahurin Zabsky - February 13, 2015 at 03:48 PM

KF

“He taught me so much. And I loved his humor as a teacher.

Kayla Flowers - February 13, 2015 at 03:23 PM