



## Wade F. Pearson

October 28, 1940 - August 25, 2019

Wade F. Pearson, 78, died August 25, 2019, in Columbia after a courageous struggle with cancer and Parkinson's disease. He was born October 28, 1940, in Sumter, SC, to the late Holland Decatur Pearson and Margaret Faust Pearson. He spent his formative years on his grandfather's farm in Denmark, SC, where he developed a love for the Edisto River and quail hunting.

In high school he developed an interest in math and physics, building rockets using black powder for fuel and launching them in his grandfather's cotton field. One of the rockets won the top prize at the State Science Fair. After high school and South Carolina Air National Guard basic training in Texas, he graduated from the University of Georgia with a BS degree in math, physics, and computer analysis. Following graduation, he moved to Florida to work for the space program at Cape Canaveral. He later moved to Tennessee where he taught computer languages and analysis at the TVA.

After retirement, he bought a cabin on the Edisto River near Denmark, where he said it was the happiest times of his life. Every Fourth of July he could be found eating barbeque and boiled peanuts at the Denmark Country Club and if you don't know where that is, that's fine with him.

He was married to Rosborough Heins for 52 years. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Holly and Tau Carlisle; nephews whom he adored, Will (Carolyn) and Wade Carlisle, and great nephews Davidson and Charles Carlisle.

Lifelong gratitude and many thanks go to Bill Lee, Wade's caregiver, for his loving assistance, patience and many kindnesses during the past three years. The family is deeply appreciative of Bill's cheerful perseverance in helping Wade weather his prolonged illnesses.

Wade requested that no funeral be held, only a toast in his memory at your next gathering. He will be buried in the Denmark Cemetery. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road

Chapel, is assisting the family.

# Comments

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“ Holly, Billy and I are praying for you and the family. We remember Wade well. We love you. JoAnne and Billy

JoAnne Turner - August 26, 2019 at 02:40 PM

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“ Holly, Tau and all Wade's family:

I knew Wade from back in the Denmark days. We spent time at Mrs. Faust's house and halfway to the river at the Pearson farm and pond. We enjoyed each other's company. We would walk the roads and hunt (more talking than hunting) and fish in Mr. Pearson's pond. Wade would climb a slender tree in Mrs. Faust's back yard at times and ride the top down to the ground. I was not so brave but enjoyed watching him do so. Good times.

I like this saying by Gennifer Choldenko from one of her books, "Nobody knows how things will turn out, that's why they go ahead and play the game...You give it your all and sometimes amazing things happen, but it's hardly ever what you expect."

I enjoyed reuniting with Wade at the Drew in the last few years. We learned to swim in the Edisto and continued to enjoy this exercise at this new meeting place in our more recent years.

Rhoda and I extend condolences to all Wade's family. In the tradition of the Doolittle Raiders, some of us from Denmark will certainly drink a toast to Wade, his life and our mutual fond memories.

Jeff Brooker, MD - August 26, 2019 at 10:26 AM

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“ Wade was always a pleasant and wonderful companion and friend. He loved his family and especially his two nephews. I know they will always remember him with great fondness. He was a fine and honorable man. Best wishes to all members of his family.

Michael Felder

Michael Felder - August 26, 2019 at 07:17 AM