



*William "Liz" Pearson*

**Dec. 3, 1939 - May 10, 2024**

William "Liz" Pearson, 84, of Morganton, NC passed away, Friday, May 10, 2024. Born on December 3, 1939, he was the son of the late Robert Pearson and Gazalee Mull.

The man, the myth, the legend. His name Will Pearson or Liz, but to those who treasured him most Dad and Pawpaw Liz. He was a workaholic through and through, always provided for his family. He was a true artist in more than one way. Known well for his furniture finishings locally and all around the world from China, Vietnam, Philippines, Italy, Spain, and many more countries. Who knew this picky fatback, pinto beans, stewed tater eating man would travel to countries all over the world sharing and perfecting his talents, doing what he loved: finishing furniture. After his work day, you would find him in his own workshop, painting his house, fence or barn. All by himself. He just never quit. He never sat still unless a guitar was in his lap. He fulfilled his wife's dream of building their little house on the hill, and it is beautiful. You wouldn't catch him without his sidekick pups. The man knew how to find a true canine companion. The most loyal dogs. He would make sure to save the newspapers that had his grandkids featured, even if was just their name. If he liked you you were named "Liz". But promise you, he knew your name! Always had the best

you, you were named LIZ . But promise you, ne knew your name! Always had the best watermelons and loved to share! He was our real-life James Dean, cut off shirt, denim jacket and perfect hair. He truly was the most stubborn, stuck in his ways, TCM watchin', only old country is country man. But to us he was the strongest, most sweet, funny, generous, loving Dad and Pawpaw there ever was and will be forever missed.

Liz is survived by his daughter, Sharon Pearson Morris; sons, Brent Pearson (Mindy), Chad Pearson; grandchildren, Rhett Price, Josh Price, Connie "Shell" Abee (Derrick), Hannah Pearson, Tabby Pearson, Benjamin Pearson, Malachi Pearson, Caroline Pearson, Brad Gadell; great-grandchildren, Hailey Price, Riley Price, Hunter Abee, Trenten Abee, Colten Abee, Addalyn Abee, Emme Pearson, Beckem Pearson, Paislee Pearson.

In addition to his parents, Liz is preceded in death by his wife, Judy Pearson; daughter, Connie Pearson; brother, Clarence "Bud" Pearson; sister, Margie Pearson Clark.

The family will receive friends from 5pm until 6pm, Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home at 6pm with Kenneth Vanbuskirk officiating. Entombment will follow at Burke Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

Duck tale and Crown Victoria. Top three buttons on his shirt left open. James Dean had nothing on Liz. Nothing! But Lord, could he finish furniture! And smile and talk. He was an iconic figure who graced every venue he appeared. Who did not love Liz? We ALL loved you, Liz. We will see you when we see you on the other side. I know you will be WIDE OPEN!

–Buddy and Janice Armour



We just heard of Will's passing this morning and we're so sorry we missed the receiving and funeral service. He was a true friend, an incredible talent in his field and the hardest working individual I have ever known. We will miss him as we're sure all his family and friends will. But he will never be forgotten.

–Steve & Jane Gantt

He was a nice and friendly person I use to work with him I am going to miss him I will keep his family in my prayers .

–Betty Bivens



–Ms Baranda Farris



The Classic Home Billiards Family sends their condolences to the living family. Myself (Bruce "Liz") has to say it was a



true pleasure meeting Mr. Will(THE ORIGINAL-"Liz"). He was a very talented individual when it came to refinishing furniture. We have some gorgeous pieces photographed that I will always be able to remember him by. We will definitely keep the family in our prayers! Blessed to have met him! Bruce & Tina Byrd Classic Home Billiards Pool Tables & More

–Classic Home Billiards (Bruce Byrd)

Our furniture company (Charleston Forge) may not be here today if I hadn't been introduced to Liz about 38 years ago. Such a talented, hard working, caring friend. He taught me sooo much and we had so much fun working together. I miss those times and I'll never forget what a truly good person he was. Hey Liz, As much as we all know you loved to work, may you now rest in peace. Love ya man!

–Art Barber



–Brent

–Frank Hage

I am so sorry to hear of Will's passing. I have known him



and his family for 30 plus years. He was a great man and will be missed by so many. I have many memories working with him and considered him a friend. I will keep his family in my prayers. Go rest high Will.

–Susan Blalock



Ole Liz!! This is a fantastic obituary that describes him to a tee!!!!

–Christian Abner



To The Family, I am deeply sorry for your loss, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless each of you in the days to come for healing.

–susan keeling



–Anonymous

So sorry for your loss. Liz was a great person.

–James Belote

In all the many years that I knew him, both at work and as a friend, Will was always upbeat and never said a negative word about anyone. He never made

excuses - he would just get to work to make it better.

–Don Biggerstaff



Liz will truly be missed by his family and friends. Prayers for the family. God bless.

–The Conleys



I'm so sorry to the family of Will 'Liz' Pearson. He was my friend and I know this because he never called me Angie, it was Liz to him and to me he was Liz. I liked him so much from the first meeting at Fredrick Edward's Furniture! When I called him on the phone, it was 'How are you Liz'? It was always, "I'm good, how are you Liz"? He was a true friend! I have many pieces of furniture he re-finished for me for which I am very proud of! They too will be even more special because of his artistic abilities and beautiful work! I'll miss you Liz! Our friend now and forever...you were a sweetheart of a person! Dewey & Angie Lail See you soon!

–Angie Lail



Ole Cous you will be missed. You truly were one of a kind.  
Love

–Shirley Buff McDaniels.

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LIZ was the best of the best!! He was a good man and a dear friend of ours. I spent many evenings at his plant visiting and sharing stories. I will certainly miss my friend! He is gone, but will never be forgotten.. GOD BLESS YOU on your JOURNEY                      Ben&LIBBA

–Ben &Libba Belton