



## Iola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson

September 28, 1917 - November 9, 2015

Iola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson, daughter of the late Arthur and Pearl E. (Hall) Wells, was born September 28, 1917 in Montrose, South Dakota. She went home to be with her Lord on Monday, November 9, 2015 in the Richland Care Center of Richland, Missouri having attained the age of 98 years.

As a young girl Iola, her mother and sister traveled by train to Missouri while her father came with the household belongings in a covered wagon from South Dakota to Missouri. They settled in the Buckhorn area and Iola graduated from Waynesville High School.

After high school, Iola earned her teaching certificate and she taught in one and two room schoolhouses in the Pulaski County area with her friend Helen Nicks. Iola's last year of teaching was in Laquey, MO school.

Iola was united in marriage to Drue Edly Rayl on September 29, 1935 and they were blessed with one daughter, Joyce. Drue and Iola shared 63 years together before he preceded her in death.

After teaching, Iola helped Drue found the Richland Livestock Exchange. In their spare time, Drue and Iola loved to travel in the US and abroad, and sang in a gospel quartet in area churches.

Drue and lola lived on the farm all of their life where they raised their daughter Joyce who was their pride and joy. In her spare time, lola loved to collect antique furniture, depression glass and other collectables. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family and friends.

At an early age, lola made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. She and Drue were founding members of two churches; Deerlick Baptist and Buckhorn Baptist. In her later years, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Richland. She was a regular attender and worker until her health failed.

On December 26, 1999, lola was united in marriage to Theodore "Ted" Pearson in Batesville, Arkansas and they shared many wonderful memories until he preceded her in death.

lola will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory, her grandson: Tommy Roam (Wanda) of Jefferson City, MO; son-in-law: Bob Fugitt (Marilyn) of Richland, MO; three grandchildren: Marilyn Gorman (Bill) of Monett, MO, Glenda Duncan (Mark) of Cassville, MO and Bruce Fugitt (Jan) of Mtn. Grove, MO; several great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and a nephew and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and two husbands, lola was preceded in death by her daughter: Joyce Etta Fugitt; one sister: Jeanette Pierre; and two grandchildren: Peggy Denise Roam and Richard Lee Fugitt.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m, Friday, November 13, 2015 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland with Pastor Bob Lilly officiating. Soloist, Becky Lercher sang "Beulah Land." Serving as escorts were lola's family and friends. Burial followed in the Oaklawn Cemetery of Richland, Missouri.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of lola Pearson to the Hospice Compassus and may be left at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oaklawn Cemetery**

Richland, MO 65556

# Tribute Wall



“ *Iola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *PRAYERS GO OUT TO HER FAMILY AND  
LOVED ONES.  
MARLIN STEVENS*



**MARLIN STEVENS** - November 16, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ *Mandy Pfister lit a candle in memory of Iola  
Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson*



**Mandy Pfister** - November 12, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ *Kay Rayl Dudley sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Iola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson*



**Kay Rayl Dudley** - November 12, 2015 at 04:06 PM

CF

“ *lola will be missed by all who knew and loved her! Praying for her family.*

*Charley and Joyce Fritts*

---

**Charley and Joyce Fritts** - November 12, 2015 at 12:34 PM

MP

“ *MATTHEW,STEPHANIE AND MATTIE PITTMAN lit a candle in memory of lola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson*

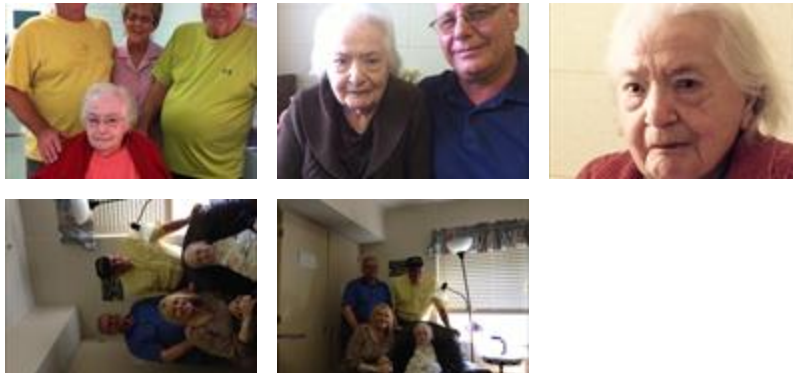


---

**MATTHEW,STEPHANIE AND MATTIE PITTMAN** - November 11, 2015 at 01:47 PM

 Jan Fugitt

“ *8 files added to the album Grandma.*



---

**Jan Fugitt** - November 10, 2015 at 09:27 PM

EG

“ Elaine And Frank Graham lit a candle in memory of Iola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson



Elaine and Frank Graham - November 10, 2015 at 11:57 AM

BF

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Bruce Fugitt - November 10, 2015 at 10:28 AM

WA

“ To the family of Iola you are in our thoughts and prayers.

William and Sue Anderson - November 10, 2015 at 10:18 AM

PG

“ We pray that family members and friends will be comforted and able to share feelings with one another during this season of bereavement, knowing that no matter the trials, God Cares for each one of us.



PULASKI COUNTY CAMP GIDEONS - November 10, 2015 at 08:05 AM

MW

“ Oh, the joy Mrs. lola is feeling at this moment. I am sad that I won't be able to see her any more, but I rejoice at her home-going. She was more than ready, and she has precious family and friends there. She told me I'd better not cry, so...Mrs. lola, I am smiling right now. But...You will be missed.

-----  
**Martin and Georgia White** - November 09, 2015 at 09:00 PM

DM

“ Dalene MCDaniel lit a candle in memory of lola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson



-----  
**Dalene MCDaniel** - November 09, 2015 at 06:14 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of lola Mae (Wells) Rayl Pearson



-----  
**Pamela Cox** - November 09, 2015 at 05:18 PM