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Freddie "Fred" H. Pearl, age 87, of St. Clair, passed away April 4, 2016 with his family by his side. Fred was born March 10, 1929 in Mt. Clemens to Harold and Erma Pearl. After they moved to Richmond, Mich. Fred attended Richmond High School and graduated in 1946. Fred married Dorothy Kolla on February 1, 1947. Fred was employed at Diamond Crystal Salt Co. in 1947. He started as a janitor and working his way up to Plant Superintendent retiring in 1991. He also worked a second job at Roley's Shell Gas Station in St. Clair for 15 years. He and Dorothy loved to travel. They took many wonderful trips all across the United States. They loved Las Vegas and Fred thought nothing of getting up one morning and asking "Dot" if she wanted to go to Vegas the next day. In their later years they enjoyed going to Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant as often as they could. Fred and Dot took each of their grandchildren to Disney World. When each of his four daughters turned 21, off they went to Las Vegas. He was truly loving and giving father and grandfather. He taught us all the true meaning of marriage and family. He honored each and every one of his marriage vows. During 69 years of marriage there were the usual ups and downs, but through it all he never lost respect for his wife and loved her more the next day than the last. His five "Girls" were his greatest joy. Besides his wife, Fred leaves behind 4 daughters; Terri (Lee) Willis, Linda Stephan, Kathy (Jess) DeLisle and Mary (Jim) Pecor, grandchildren; Barb (Shawn) Weiss, Jason (Ashley) Kish, Bonny (Rick) Smit, Jodi Stephan, John (Amanda Stephan), Rilee (Brad) Young, Chad DeLisle, Kelli (Jerry) Bean and Jimmy (Casey) Pecor, great grandchildren; Tyler Kish, Andrew Beggs, Brenna (Jacob) Hazzard, J.D. Stephan, Josh and Lee Smit and one great grandchild expected in October. Also surviving are brothers; Bernard, Vern and Harvey Pearl, sister, Jean Kelley, sisters in law and brothers in law; Margie Burgess, Marion (Ron) Howison and Frank Kolla and many nieces and nephews.



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“Gramps” was taken care of for the last 2 years by his granddaughter, Barbara Weiss. Her love and caring kept him going and was a great help to her grandma, taking care of all their needs. Special thanks to Reverence Hospice and Home Care for their kindness and helpfulness and son in law, Lee Willis for staying with Dad when needed.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, Council on Aging or United Way of St. Clair County. Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, China Twp. To leave a message of comfort please visit www.youngcolonial.com



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Cemetery Details

 Cremation



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Robby Lerch posted:

My sincere condolences and sympathy to the entire Pearl family. My family too after high school graduation and during my first job at the Diamond Crystal. You were so kind to allow Linda's friend to move in and share your home. A way for me to feel independent and safe and secure. There was fun and end of teen-year drama and you were understanding and supportive through it all. Many happy memories for me always. God bless you all and may your many memories of Mr. Pearl bring you eventual happiness and peace. Love, Robby "Joiner" Lerch

April 11 at 9:50 AM

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Ed Thueme posted:

My condolences to the entire Pearl family on the passing of Fred. I worked for Fred at Diamond Crystal in the 70's and have had numerous relatives who have worked with Fred or for him. Fred was the Superintendent of the Dry End of the plant, where I worked at that time. To this very day, Fred was one of the best Superintendents we have ever had at that plant, and his retirement was a sad day for many of us there..To the few people there still who are former Diamond employees, the news of Fred's passing was another sad day. Fred knew the plant, knew the salt business , liked people, and was extremely efficient in keeping the plant operating. He was always a gentleman, and a warm and friendly person. The caliber of his professionalism, his devotion, dedication, and commitment to that plant and to the Diamond Crystal Salt Company is noted in his rise from Janitor to become the 'Dry End Superintendent', where he was in charge of six Departments, their respective foremen and supervisors , as well as approx. 120 employees. During Fred's time as Superintendent, he implemented and oversaw the addition of modern Packaging equipment into the plant, and brought it out of the stone age as well. Fred was liked and respected. As his family, you all can take great pride in Fred, as well as in his achievements, his leadership, and his accomplishments during his career at the Diamond ----- believe me, Fred Pearl made a hell of a difference in that plant. I am so very sorry for your loss and greatly saddened, but in the passing of this man, we all who have known him, and walked in his shadow, are at a loss today. Rest In Peace Fred.Ed Thueme Diamond Crystal Salt Company - AKZO/NOBEL - Cargill Salt

April 6 at 4:22 PM

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Barbara April 11 at 10:10 AM

Mr. Thueme, On behalf of Fred's family, we would like to say "THANK You" for taking the time to send such a wonderful message. My grandmother, Dorothy, would like to send you a "Thank You" card. Even though it may not be necessary, that is just the way she is and there won't be any talking her out of it. :) If you could please send your address to my private email. barbara20329043@att.net? Or am I correct to say your are still in Saint Clair? Your words brought us much comfort in a very sad time. So, Thank You again.Barbara



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Sid LaFrance posted:

To the " Pearl Girls": Connie and I send our sincerest condolences at this time of loss. It's been a long time since we all grew up across from each other on 8th street. I have lots of good memories living across the street. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.Sid LaFrance

April 6 at 7:32 AM



Pat Kingsbury posted:

My condolences to the Pearl family. I remember many good times spent at your home. May your wonderful memories bring you comfort. Patti Doktor-Kingsbury

April 5 at 12:35 PM



Barbara posted:

Will miss you so much, Grandpa. It's going to be a bit before I will be able to process not seeing you in "your spot" when I go to your house. We will all take good care of Grandma. I will always be grateful for your lesson in what a true family man is and should be. It was an honor to care for you. It wasn't near enough repayment for all you have done for us. We will all be watching the Tigers opening day. I know you'll be watching over all of us. Love, Barbara

April 5 at 5:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Freddie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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