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The Obituary

Renaldo Haywood Pearson, of Detroit, Michigan, passed away Saturday, August 15, 2020, at the age of 63 after a long battle with kidney disease.

Renaldo was born in Detroit and grew up with his siblings, Larita White (deceased), Ollivette, Eric (deceased), and Vinard. His parents, Ollie and Mildred (both deceased) were from East St. Louis, Illinois and moved to Detroit for work at the automotive plants. Ollie worked his way up from a hilly driver to an electrical journeyman during his forty years at the Chrysler Corporation. Mildred was a cosmetologist, and together they were able to purchase their home and the accompanying corner lot in Southwest Detroit for their family to enjoy.

Renaldo attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Chadsey High School. He enlisted in the Army in 1974 and received his honorable discharge in 1976 after marrying Dawn L. Keno. During their 11 marriage, CeCelia Monique Simone Pearson-Shabazz (Gabe) and Renaldo H. Pearson, Jr., were born. During their marriage, he received his Associate of Arts Degree from Wayne County Community College.

Later, from a relationship of eight years with Cassandra Pratt, three children were born, Aaron Christopher (deceased), Corey Leron, and LaQuanda Nicole. As his children matured, he later found companionship for 19 years with Vanessa Stanley. Vanessa was his devoted confidant and caregiver.

Renaldo was an 18-year member of Roofers Local 149, where he worked for various roofing companies with his long time friend, Adrian, until 2003. After years of being a roofer, Renaldo turned to other jobs, including work at the United States Post Office and Metropolitan Airport. When his health began to fail him, he took an early retirement in 2012. Unfortunately, his relaxation time was frequently interrupted by numerous operations and long hospital stays. Fortunately, he had his companion, Vanessa, by his side to help him navigate the difficult times and her grandsons, Marty and Jaden, to listen to his never-ending gems of advice afterward.

At other times, Renaldo loved to putt and play golf at the neighborhood park and nearby golf courses. He also enjoyed ballroom dancing. When at home, he watched endless hours of news programs and enjoyed sharing news stories and his strong opinions on the topic of the day. Debates and advice were a regular part of his conversation.

Order of Service

Prelude	"Jesus Promised Me a Home Over There"
Processional	Clergy and Family
Scripture	23rd Psalms
Prayer	Rev. Dr. Charmaine Johnson
Poem	CeCelia Pearson-Shabazz
Acknowledgements and Condolences	Wanda Allen
Obituary	Wanda Allen
Remarks	(2 Minutes, Please)
Song	"The Battle Is Not Yours"
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Charmaine Johnson
Recessional	Family
Postlude	"Smile"

He frequently spent time at the gaming tables of the Motor City Casino. When he was not gaming, he enjoyed cooking for his family and was often called "The Grill Master". His barbecue ribs and potato salad were enjoyed by family every summer holiday and birthdays. Mmmmm, mmmmm good!! He, his cooking skills, and his delicious meals will be missed.

Renaldo was the proud grandfather of Kishi, Hannah, Saje, Liam and Lucas. He enjoyed their visits and frequently rode the Detroit-based kids up and down the backyard ramp on his motorized scooter.

He leaves behind and joins numerous nieces: Raylayna and Tonna (deceased), Wanda, Temicka, Toni, and Vershema, his nephews: Andre and Lorenzo, great-nephews/nieces: Kenderick, James, Cameron, and Britanni, caring cousins: Randall (Cornelia "Bootsy" deceased), Tennessee and Curtis (both deceased) (Carole), KeWon, Willie Charles, his extended family, Elizabeth, Gerald (Royce), Richard, Darrone and a host of other cousins, great-great nieces/nephews, extended family, and friends.



Words of Love

Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back for just a little while.
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do,
You always meant so very much and always will too.
The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain,
But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.
You will always be my soulmate, I will love you forever and ever!!
Love, Vanessa

To my brother, Renaldo, from Vinard
Always loved you; Always will! ... and the band played on.

To my Dad,
I love you. I thank you for all the life lessons you left behind.
I promise to pass them along. I will miss you dearly.
Love, your daughter, LaQuanda Nicole

Thanks you for all of the wisdom that you've placed in my life, Pops.
Your energy will last forever. I'll always love and cherish you.
From your son, Corey

Honorary Pallbearers

Vinard I. Pearson
Kenderick L. Foster
Corey L. Pratt
Randall W. Pearson
Renaldo H. Pearson, Jr.
Liam & Lucas Beauford

Flower Bearers

CeCelia Pearson-Shabazz
Wanda Allen

Final Arrangements

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To Our Dad,
Unfortunately, we missed 30 years of each other's lives, but getting to
know you these past few years was rewarding, just not enough time.
Ronaldo, Jr. and Celina Monique Girone

To My Baby Brother, Renaldo
I will miss our challenging, high-pitched debates, your dry wit, good
cooking and endless advice. Your quest for knowledge was endless;
your note taking: masterful. You endured so much pain and you
continued to fight for another day. I just can't believe that you're gone.
Rest now, as you are with so many of our family who have moved on.
Until we meet again, R.I.P.
I love you, Ellavette Dena

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family of the late Renaldo Pearson, Sr. acknowledges, with sincere
appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes and other
expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deeds.

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Renaldo Haywood
PEARSON, SR.

SUNRISE: JANUARY 31, 1957 - SUNSET: AUGUST 15, 2020

Monday, August 24, 2020
Funeral Service: 3:30 PM

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