

DAVID ROLAND PEARCE

March 23, 1951 – August 4, 2024



David Roland Pearce, age 73, of Parkville, Maryland passed away on Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Oakcrest Village. He spent most of his working career working for Baltimore County. He started as a bus driver and ended his career as a Paraeducator at Chesapeake High School Baltimore County Public School in 2016.

David is the son of the late James Roland Pearce and Florence Merryman Pearce

Following is a slightly edited version of the posting by Steve Lippy on the funeral home's website In Memory of David:

David and I met c. 1985 through the Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW). He was one of the "founding fathers" of BCCW as he was on the planning group for BCCW which was first held in 1984. Since then, until his stroke, he faithfully attended virtually all of the planning meetings, attended (and ate at) all of the meals (breakfasts and dinners) during the BCCW week each year, coordinated evening activities, and chaperoned the youth sleep-overs. He would assist where needed, e.g., helping clean-up after the breakfasts and taking out the trash. I became BCCW secretary in 1986; he even was the acting secretary on occasions to take minutes when I was not able to attend. He brought his father to many of the dinners in later years, after his father passed, David seemingly enjoyed being the carpool driver for some of the other volunteers to some of the farther away evening dinners. Occasionally, he would work at a site over the years, normally painting or cleaning-up. David was dedicated to BCCW and was an integral part of its success since 1984; his active presence was missed after his stroke when he could no longer drive or participate in BCCW meetings. Even then, he kept informed with reading our BCCW emails and would **always** ask about BCCW whenever we talked. (In addition, his mother had helped many years with breakfasts in the early BCCW years before she passed; later, his father delivered popsicles to the work crews in July when he was still able to drive.) The 41st BCCW ended in July 2024, just eight days before David passed.

Everyone who knew David knew that he was known for his gift of gab; he seemingly could talk and joke with anyone whom he met. Easy going was his modus operandi.

To me, one of the most remarkable (and enviable) things about David was his memory: people's names and who did what when. When I was recently compiling BCCW's history, I would contact him to see what he could remember.

While he was at the Oak Crest Village Retirement Community in Parkville, MD, I would call him to see how he was doing; he seemed to be content. He never really complained. We would discuss all sorts of topics, including OC meals, OC recycling, life at OC, his niece, and even occasionally politics.

During almost every call, David would make this comment about his situation: **"It is what it is."**

David will be missed!

Note--Excerpts from the obituary website of the Lemmon Funeral Home of Dulaney Valley Inc. were included.