



## F. Faye Pearson

May 14, 1940 - February 20, 2019

F. Faye Pearson departed this life on February 20th, 2019 for her heavenly life after a long battle with cancer. She was a native of Jones County, born May 14, 1940.

She was a 1958 graduate of Myrick High School. She received the Bachelor of Arts in education from McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, and the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, graduated in Mandarin Chinese from the Taipei Language Institute, Taipei, Taiwan, completed advanced studies in missiology from Fuller Seminary in California, and she received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary

headquartered in Baguio City, Philippines.

Faye had a life filled with rich experiences. She held secretarial positions at McNeese State University while a student there. She taught one year in the Lake Charles School system. She was on the staff of University Baptist Church, Fayetteville, AR as Director of Education before joining the staff of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, serving as State Young Women's Auxiliary Director for Oklahoma Women's Missionary Union, Oklahoma City.

She served as a summer missionary under the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Arkansas, Florida and California.

Faye was appointed a missionary by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) in 1968 to Taiwan to work with students on university campuses.

After she completed language and cultural studies, she worked with university students in south Taiwan for 10 years before joining the faculty of the Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary to direct the Religious Education Department. She held various positions in the Taiwan Baptist Mission and Chinese Baptist Convention.

She was invited in 1988 to serve as the first woman as the Associate to the Area Director for East Asia, pastoring and counseling Southern Baptist missionaries in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao. In 1993, she was the first woman ever elected to serve as the Area

Director (now Regional Leader) for Southern Baptist mission work. She supervised the

work

of approximately 600 missionaries in East Asia: Hong Kong, Japan, Macao, South Korea, Taiwan, China and two closed countries.

Faye selected to take early retirement from the International Mission Board in 1997.

For the next 12 years she was supported by the churches and individuals from the Taiwan Chinese Baptist Convention. She was invited by the China Christian Council in 1997 to teach

at the Nanjing Theological Seminary, Nanjing, China. She was the first foreigner to teach full-time in any China seminary in 52 years. She ended a very meaningful missionary career

by returning to the Taiwan Baptist Seminary to assist the seminary in developing a curriculum for the newly established Missions Department and to teach in the Missions Department and to direct the newly established World Missions Center.

Faye worked with the Chinese Baptist Convention Missions Department in Bangladesh and Nepal and supervised the Taiwan Baptist Seminary mission majors serving in Thailand,

Myanmar, Indonesia, South Korea, Philippines, India and North Africa.

She retired in 2009 and returned to the Laurel area.

Faye loved the Lord Jesus, life, teaching, her family, her friends, and the Chinese world. Her world was always filled with people and projects. Her hobbies included: traveling

and making new friends in various cultures, decorating her home for every season, entertaining friends around the table, cooking, reading, discussing world events, theology, missiology and speaking about God's faithfulness in her life and the needs of loving and sharing one's faith in a broken world.

Those who knew Faye knew her as honest, hard-working, humorous and fun-loving.

She was sensitive to the needs of others, kind and compassionate, an encourager and sometimes known to be stubborn. She set goals for herself and others but she never expected more of others than she demanded of herself. She was passionate about her missionary calling and treating all people as equals.

She was an active member of Freedom Baptist Church as a child growing up in the Myrick community and joined the church when she returned to Laurel. However, when the Chinese Christian Church was organized in Hattiesburg, she immediately became an active

member of this fellowship of believers, where she found a place to serve.

She is preceded in death by her parents Jim and Flossie Harrison Pearson, siblings Howard Pearson and Harold "Boe" Pearson and sister-in-law Mae Cotham Pearson. She is

survived by one nephew James W. Pearson of Ellisville, step-brother Mack Tucker (Ann)

of

Laurel, several cousins, step-nieces and a wonderful missionary and Chinese family.

Family and friends would like to thank the local caregivers: Janice Holyfield, Lora Huddleston and Lynn Porter; the wonderful, caring friends who came from Taiwan, China and

across the United States to care for Faye; and the medical team: Dr. Laura Douglas and her

chemo team, Dr. Kevin Ivey and Dr. David Sullivan who walked with her with great compassion and professionalism through the cancer journey and for scores of friends from around the world who prayed for her and sent messages of encouragements.

The pallbearers are: Isaac Chang, Timothy Yang, Jakeb Hosey, Yang Jinhai, Danny Li & Fan Hongbo.

The honorary pallbearers are: Dr. Kevin Ivey, Kelly Lawson, Vernell Watkins, Joe Johnson, Randy Laird, Dr. Ned Hinton & Dr. Laurie Douglas.

Visitation: 5 - 8 p.m. on March 1st 2019 at Memory Chapel

3100 Audubon Dr., Laurel, MS 39440

Funeral services: 10 a.m. on March 2nd 2019 at First Baptist Church

607 W 5th St., Laurel, MS 39440

The interment will follow at the Myrick Cemetery.

To sign the guest book login to [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com)

In Lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the Hattiesburg Chinese Christian Church Building Fund, 1508 Hardy St, Hattiesburg MS 39401

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Myrick Cemetery

Lower Myrick Road  
Laurel, MS, 39443

**MAR** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive P. O. Box 674, Laurel, MS, US, 39440

**MAR** **Service** 10:00AM

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First Baptist Church of Laurel  
607 West 5th Street, Laurel, MS, US, 39440

# Comments

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“ We're thankful for the ways God worked through Faye. May the Father give you comfort and strength and sustain you in the days ahead.

In Christ's love,  
Elton and Marylou Bost

Elton Bost - March 04 at 09:23 PM

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“ 我最初认识裴老师是在台东牧会时。她爽直的性格和流利的中文，并且对青年学生工作的热忱，很深深的吸引我，使我对她满怀好感。1979年回神学院工作时竟发现她也是神学院的同工。那时我们常讨论和交换教导神学生的意见，于是我们成了最好的属灵同工，好友，和弟兄姐妹。

记得在我初次赴美进修前，她帮我恶补英语。她在金陵神学院任教时，她不止一次的将那些牧会有困难的学生介绍给我们，使我们有机会去帮助和服事远在中国偏远地区的教会。

约在十年前我们有机会和她在Richmond的宣教士训练营地一起畅谈和回忆过去在神学院的美好时光，一起沐浴在上帝极美的恩典之中。

近几年她的与疾病的战斗中，仍然时时扬溢着对神的感恩与盼望。我和我的教会会永远怀念你，裴老师。

孟渝昭，世璇。

When I first met Faye, I was a minister working at Taitung, Taiwan. Her straight character, fluent Mandarin, and her sincere concern for the college students gave me such a great impression. In 1979, when I got back Taipei to work at TBTS, I was happy to know Faye was one of the colleagues there, and then we became good spiritual co-workers, friends, and brother and sister in Christ. She was also my English tutor.

When she was teaching at Jinling Theological Seminary, more than once she informed us some of students who were having difficulties, then our church had the opportunity to help the church in rural areas.

About ten years ago, we had a chance to chat with Faye at the new missionary learning center at Richmond, around the beautiful surroundings, we memorized those happy days while working at the TBTS.

We know that even in the battle of fighting the sickness, Faye always showed what a Christian should do: Our Lord already won the war.

Bye, Faye, you are our hero! See you later.

David and Grace Meng

yuchao meng - March 01 at 08:22 PM

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“ "Aunt Faye" was nearly a part of our family since both my parents, Richard and Tena Morris were good friends with her for many years during their shared time as missionaries in Kaohsiung. When I returned to Taiwan to teach music at the Kaohsiung Morrison Academy, she was a frequent guest in our home and always showed the love of Christ in such tangible ways as being truly interested in each of us--listening attentively when we spoke and always a kind word. I'm truly thankful for that period of 14 months which allowed me to grow to know and love her.

Melanie Watson - February 28 at 11:04 PM

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“ 金陵2003届全体同学敬挽 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



??2003???????? - February 27 at 09:07 AM

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“ On behalf of the Grace Baptist Church, Taipei, Taiwan, and the Rev. Dr. Chow Lien-Hwa Memorial Foundation, we extend our condolence to the family of our beloved long-time friend and dear co-worker in Christ, Dr. Faye Pearson.

The love and care of Faye for our church members is a fond memory that will always be cherished. We do rejoice in knowing that Faye is free from pain and is in the Presence of His wonderful and faithful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Dr. Peter J. Wu, Senior Pastor of GBC  
Sylvia F Ting, Chairperson of Deacon's Committee and Board of GBC  
Tiffany Huang, Chairperson of Rev. Dr. Chow Lien-Hwa Memorial Foundation

Peter Wu (Grace Baptist Church) - February 27 at 03:46 AM

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“ 「一位献身中华民族的福音使者，深得众民喜愛，完成使命回归天国，我们要感谢她，纪念她，求主让她在神的怀中永享安息。」  
南京金陵神學院 資深退休教授 趙誌恩牧師

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“ Taiwan (TBTS) friends purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



Liao Chu Tien - February 25 at 06:14 AM

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“ Taiwan friends purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



Liao Chu Tien - February 25 at 06:02 AM

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“ Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary - February 25 at 03:32 AM

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“ Deepest Faith was purchased for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



February 25 at 01:48 AM

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“ CHINESE BAPTIST CONVENTION Chairman Rev.Nien Bih-f purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



CHINESE BAPTIST CONVENTION Chairman Rev.Nien Bih-f - February 24 at 11:10 PM

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“ We were privileged to name our WMU Circle at Second Baptist Church for Faye Pearson. What a wonderful servant of Christ, not just on the mission field, but as a reminder to us in Richmond, VA, how important our prayers were for her and her missionary work. What a testament to our Lord and Savior her wonderful spirit throughout her illness and that of her brother.  
Connie Moe

Connie Moe - February 24 at 12:40 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



February 23 at 03:56 PM

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“ I had the privilege of working with Faye Pearson in Oklahoma missions. We not only worked together, we ate, laughed, and had fun together. She was a dear friend to me, even as she was to so many. Her accomplishments through Jesus Christ are amazing! I miss her already!

Marie Flanigan - February 23 at 03:52 PM

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“ What an amazing Christian! Her works do follow her. She was the Area Director for East Asia while I served as a missionary in Japan. May the Lord comfort all her family and friends. This amazing Christian woman is now experiencing a joy that we can only imagine!



“ From Wen Ge's Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



Chunhai Li - February 23 at 11:20 AM

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“ Hattiesburg Chinese Christian Church purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



Hattiesburg Chinese Christian Church - February 23 at 09:42 AM

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“ Dawson ,Joyce,John and Isaiah Zhang purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of F. Faye Pearson.



Dawson ,Joyce,John and Isaiah Zhang - February 23 at 09:07 AM

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“ When I was a medical student in Kaohsiung, I met Pearson. She helped me growth in Church, she touch me worship God even though I didn't understand every sermon, she touch me not focus on Christians' weakness but God, she supported me my marital life, she encouraged me to finish theological seminary education, and she stimulated me love Chinese peoples. I'm a successful physician now, but I should be a loser if without my mom Pearson. I love her forever.

Michael Kam Chung Lee - February 23 at 06:54 AM



“On behalf of Chinese Baptist Press (International) Limited, Hong Kong, we hereby extend Christian sympathy to you, the family of Dr. Faye Pearson, our dear friend and beloved former Board member.  
Please accept our deep condolences in Christ the Lord.

Dr. Sandra Tsang, Board Chairperson  
Rev. Anselm Siao, Board Secretary  
Rev. Eric Tong, Board Member and Honorary Executive Director of the Press"

Chinese Baptist Press Intl Hong Kong - February 23 at 12:59 AM

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Chinese Baptist Press (Intl) Hong Kong - February 23 at 12:24 AM

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“There has never been another quite like Faye. Her influence lives on in the lives of countless hundreds, all around the globe. From the time she first joined our mission group in Taiwan, she has been a vital part of our lives. Our two children, Alice and Jody, never had another missionary "Aunt" quite like their Aunt Faye and the bond has remained close all these 50 plus years--it's like a piece of us is now gone, but can't you imagine the wonder of reunions in heaven, as so many greet her there--and thank her for having been the one to point their way to Christ.

Rosalie and Bob Hunt - February 22 at 01:43 PM

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“I only knew Faye for the 2 years I was a Jman, but I lived with her the first three months until the triplex at Grace was done. I admired her energy, dedication to her students, and her laughter. She had a party for her English students and we had a dress up contest with our robes and lampshades for hats. The students loved it---and, of course, they loved Faye.

Margaret Michael McCampbell - February 22 at 11:17 AM