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Anthony "Tony" Joseph Pearsall, 73, of Vallejo, Calif., passed away on June 10, 2019. Tony was born on February 14, 1946 in San Diego, Calif. to Mary Patricia DeCelle and James Edwin Pearsall. When Tony was six months old, his mother moved them to her hometown of Vallejo, where she began working at City Hall. Tony was an alter boy at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church.

Tony was just 13, and his sister Judy 12, when their mother passed. In true Old-Vallejo style, several families helped care for Tony and Judy until they ultimately went to live with Lois O'Hara, a close friend of their mother's, until they were 18.

After graduating from St. Vincent High School in 1964, Tony worked at Vallejo's Twin Chapel Mortuary as an apprentice embalmer. A friend convinced him to apply for a position with the Vallejo Police Department (VPD), and he was proudly sworn in as a police officer in 1967 at the age of 21 and served for 36 years.

Tony wore many hats throughout his life: beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, brother-in-law he was a bright light, giving life and love. To most he was known as Captain, Lieutenant, Officer. Tony was an old school police officer, with deep ties to the community in which he both lived and served.

Tony earned a Master's degree in Criminal Justice at California State University, Sacramento, and later graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Tony was a true believer in Community Policing, and loved to work closely with the citizens of Vallejo while on the force. He also served as Vice President of the State of California's Drug Free Youth Committee.

When Tony retired from the PD in 2003, he didn't leave or retire from Vallejo. He ran for

office and was elected to the Vallejo City Council, taught Criminal Justice at Napa Community College and served as Director of Fighting Back Partnership. He was also the ultimate volunteer, delivering Meals on Wheels, working at the Humane Society of the North Bay, managing the citizen-driven Graffiti Paint-Out Team, serving as a Board Member for the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, and working the information desk at Kaiser. He was a dedicated member of St. Dominic's Church choir and a member of the Nights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Tony was well known for his quick wit and silly sense of humor. His greatest joy was making people laugh. He loved Christmas, and lit up his homes with bright Christmas cheer every year. Born on Valentine's Day, he swore that the holiday was created for him. And for birthdays, if you were one of the lucky ones, you'd get his special kazoo birthday song every year.

Tony had a pure heart that lit people up around him. He loved his family, many friends, and his cat, Mr. Tennessee Mittens. His laughter, jokes and pranks, his sheer love of life – the world will be much quieter and less funny without him.

Tony is survived by his wife, Stephanie Gomes, and his beloved children, Kevin, Keith and Kurt Pearsall, Christina Lund and Aimee Crutcher; his beloved grandchildren, Elizabeth, Tyler, Emily, Riley, Teagan and Brady; and the sister who never left his side, Judy Elizalde. Deep thanks go to Tony's friends who stood by him these last few years.

Memorial donations may be made in his honor to the Humane Society of the North Bay at <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/hsnb> or the Alzheimer's Association at <http://www.act.alz.org>.

Visitation will begin Friday, June 21 at 5 PM with a Vigil Service at 7 PM at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee St., Vallejo. Funeral Mass will be held 11 AM Saturday, June 22 at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I Street, Benicia. Private inurnment will be at St. Vincent's Catholic Cemetery, Vallejo.

Cremation and arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707) 552-6696. <http://www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com>

# Cemetery

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## St. Vincent's Cemetery

Benicia Rd. & Rollingwood Drive  
Vallejo, CA, 94591

# Events

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**JUN 21** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM  
Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street, Vallejo, CA, US, 94590

**JUN 21** **Vigil Service** 07:00PM  
Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street, Vallejo, CA, US, 94590

**JUN 22** **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM  
St. Dominic's Catholic Church  
475 E I St, Benicia, CA, US, 94510-3057

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ted Todd - July 07, 2019 at 07:26 PM

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“ 192 files added to the album LifeTributes



Twin Chapels Mortuary - June 21, 2019 at 02:32 PM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph "Tony" Pearsall.



June 21, 2019 at 02:24 PM

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“ You will be missed, my friend. You made a difference in this world.

Kent Peterman - June 20, 2019 at 10:54 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph "Tony" Pearsall.



June 20, 2019 at 07:19 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anthony Joseph "Tony" Pearsall.



June 19, 2019 at 08:49 PM

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## “The Final Inspection”

The policeman stood and faced his God,  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining.  
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, policeman.  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To My church have you been true?"

The policeman squared his shoulders and said,  
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't,  
Because those of us who carry badges  
can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,  
and at times my talk was rough,  
and sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the streets are awfully tough.

But I never took a penny,  
That wasn't mine to keep....  
Though I worked a lot of overtime  
When the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear.  
And sometimes, God forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around  
Except to calm their fear.

If you've a place for me here,  
Lord, It needn't be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't.....I'll understand.

There was silence all around the throne  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the policeman waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.

"Step forward now, policeman,

You've borne your burdens well.  
Come walk a beat on Heaven's streets,  
You've done your time in hell."  
(Author unknown)

Brother Tony,

I love you and will miss you. Thank you for a lifetime of friendship.

God Speed,

Ted Todd

**Ted Todd** - June 13, 2019 at 06:42 PM

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“ St Dominic's Conference St Vincent de Paul purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Anthony Joseph "Tony" Pearsall.



**St Dominic's Conference St Vincent de Paul** - June 13, 2019 at 02:33 PM

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**Bill Yuen** - June 12, 2019 at 11:19 PM