

Pearl Mildred (Souder) Fancher
AEHC featured person for the week of Mar 21, 2021

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March 23, 1896 – March 14, 1975

Born this week in 1896, Pearl Mildred (Souder) Fancher is buried in our cemetery's Section 1, Lot 31, Space 7.

Summary of our research: Pearl Mildred Souder was born on March 23, 1896 to Oren (1868-1924) and Lieutta "Louie" (Siler) (1869-1950) Souder. She was the eldest of four children. Pearl's lineages are from families residing in Rush County for a couple of generations or more prior to her birth.

Pearl's mother, "Louie", was the daughter of John (1845-1922) and Elizabeth (Brosius) (1844-1904) Siler. John and Elizabeth (Brosius) were married in 1869. After Elizabeth passed away in 1904, John remarried Ella (Steffy) Hill in 1908. All three are buried at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Pearl's maternal grandfather, John Siler, was the son of Jacob (1815-1855) and Elizabeth (Reddick) (1819-1876) Siler. Both of their families came from Ohio to Rush County. Jacob and Elizabeth were married in 1838 in Rush County. They are buried in the Reddick Family Cemetery in Rush County.

Pearl's maternal grandmother, Elizabeth (Brosius) Siler was the daughter of George Clemmer (1809-1888) and Evaline (McManamy) (1813-1844) Brosius. After Evaline passed away in 1844, George remarried Elizabeth (Wilson) (1824-1877). George's parents, Jacob (1775-1854) and Mary (Clemmer) (1782-1858) Brosius came to Rush County from Pennsylvania after some time in Virginia. The Brosius family members are buried in Bell Cemetery in Carthage.

Pearl's Father, Oren, was the son of Noah (1845-1934) and Lucinda J. (Leisure) (1844-1890) Souder. Noah and Lucinda were married in 1864 and they resided in Posey Township. After Lucinda passed away in 1890, Noah remarried Josephine (Caraway) (1863-) in 1892. Lucinda was buried in the Hannegan Cemetery in Henderson. Noah and Josephine are buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Pearl's paternal grandfather, Noah Souder, was the son of Solomon (1815-1858) and Mary Jane (Newbold) (1819-1897) Souder. Both of their families came to Rush County from Kentucky. Solomon and Mary Jane were married in 1837 in Rush County. Solomon passed away in 1858 and was buried in the David Family Cemetery in Farmers (Rush County). Mary Jane was buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery. Solomon Souder (1815-1858) was the son of Solomon (1785-1815) and Elizabeth (David) (1787-1861) Souder, both from and married (1809) in Kentucky.

When Solomon (Sr.) passed away in 1815, he was buried in the David Family Cemetery in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Elizabeth (David) Souder and her family came to Rush County. Elizabeth (David) Souder is buried in the David Family Cemetery in Farmers.

Pearl's paternal grandmother, Lucinda (Leisure) Souder, was the daughter of George W. (1809-1896) and Lucinda (Myers) (1810-1890) Leisure. Both of their families came to Indiana from Kentucky. They are both buried in Hannegan Cemetery in Henderson.

Pearl Mildred (Souder) married George L. Fancher on January 1, 1916 in Rush County. They raised their six children: June, Francis, Norma, Malcom, Max, and Robert in Posey Township. They lived several of those years in Arlington. Pearl primarily stayed home with the children and always had a big garden. She made a quilt every winter. George did various jobs, including building fences and butchering. For several years, Pearl worked at the Arlington General Store. She was very active in the Arlington Christian Church. After their children were older, both George and Pearl worked at the Original Tractor Cab Company in Arlington.

Pearl passed away on Mar 14, 1975. She was survived by her husband, four sons, two daughters, one sister, 13 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. George passed away four years later. Both are buried in Arlington East Hill Cemetery.

Many people reading this know Pearl's son, Robert "Bob". Some of us never had the privilege of meeting Pearl (or George), but we do see the best parts of them in Bob. For more about life in the Fancher household, read Bob's interview on our website under the "History and Families of Arlington" tab on the dropdown menu.

(sources: Ancestry, Find-a-Grave, Newspaper archives, and Arlington East Hill Cemetery records)

More information about our cemetery and its history can be found at www.arlingtoneasthillcemetery.com



This picture of George and Pearl Fancher and their family was furnished by their son, Bob

