



James R. Pierce

September 14, 1941 - January 25, 2025

Memorial services for James R. Pierce, 83, of Gilmer, Texas will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 1, 2025, in the Chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home with Brother Charles Johnson officiating.

James was born on September 14, 1941, in Ector, Texas to Rudolph and Pauline Blackerby Pierce and passed from this life surrounded by family on January 25, 2025, in Longview, Texas.

James lived a life rich in family, service, and diverse interests. The eldest of three siblings, he attended school in Bonham until the first grade and then completed his education in Ector, graduating in 1960 before continuing to Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where he played basketball. After serving in the U.S. Army, primarily in Paris, France, he returned to Texas and began a long career with the Union Pacific Railroad, serving in many capacities before his retirement.

James was an avid hunter and fisherman, cherishing moments spent at "Deer Camp" with his sons and in-laws. He also had a passion for bird watching and a big heart for each of his dogs. He was known by his family for his ability to fix just about anything and had skills in carpentry, leatherwork, music, and art. Above all, James treasured his family, finding joy in being present at their activities and adoring his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whose laughter brought him immense happiness. Perhaps his greatest honor was to play the role of PawPaw. James left behind a legacy of love and demonstrated that within his character.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Bonnie Pierce; children, Thomas Pierce (Kristy), and Jamie Hogue (Adam); brother, Larry Pierce (Diane); grandchildren, Jordan Pierce Hardy (Parker), Madison Pierce Segers (Hunter), Randi Pierce Davis (Robert), Raney Pierce Simcox (Michael), Ragan Pierce Caffey (Clint), Avery Hogue, and Macey Hogue; and ten great-grandchildren, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and loved ones. He is preceded in death by his parents Rudolph and Pauline; son, Richard Pierce; and his sister, Martha Chandler.

Please visit James's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to one of the many charities dear to James' heart. St Judes Children's Research Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/> Shriners' Children's <https://donate.lovetoherescue.org/>

Previous Events

Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Robert And Brenda Sears lit a candle in memory of James R. Pierce*



Robert and Brenda Sears - February 03, 2025 at 08:53 PM



“ *1 file added to the album James R Pierce Funeral Service*



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 01, 2025 at 05:56 PM

RL

“ *Robert & Darcie Lee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James R. Pierce.*



Robert & Darcie Lee - January 31, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ 132 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - January 30, 2025 at 07:19 PM

RF

“ Rikki (Gibson) Seely & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James R. Pierce.

Rikki (Gibson) Seely & Family - January 30, 2025 at 03:51 PM

RF

“ Rikki (Gibson) Seely & Family purchased the Fair est of All for the family of James R. Pierce.



Rikki (Gibson) Seely & Family - January 30, 2025 at 03:51 PM

ML

“ JR You will be missed. Such a gentle soul, Respected By All...Rest In Peace My Friend, & Thanks for the memories.....

Mike Love - January 29, 2025 at 12:51 PM

MM

“ I worked with JR a number of years in east Texas. He was a fine man - highest caliber and always reliable. Truly one of the best.

Mike Mitchell - January 29, 2025 at 12:39 PM

DC

“ JR was a friend & one of the best conductors that I worked wit. Engr. Danny Camp.. RIP J R

Danny Camp - January 28, 2025 at 08:21 PM