



James Ansel Pierce, Jr

July 7, 1930 - June 7, 2016

James “Jimmie” Pierce, Jr., 85, passed away peacefully at his home on June 7, 2016, after many years of declining health. He was the only child of the late James A. and Lillian Ballard Pierce, and was also preceded in death by his loving wife of fifty-four years, Mildred Hall Pierce.

He is survived by his son, James A. Pierce, III, daughter-in-law, Becky Ferrell, and beloved dog, Trouble. Jimmie was a graduate of Slater-Marietta High School, North Greenville College, and attended Clemson A&M College. He served in the US Army where he achieved the rank of Sergeant, and was honorably discharged. After a twenty-three year Textile career, Jimmie founded Marietta Pallet Company, Inc., and served as President of the company until his retirement in 1996. “Big Jim” as he was known to his employees and business acquaintances, was never more content than when he was operating his front end loader or bulldozer, with his German Shepherds by his side, or when he was attending an auction. He was a mason, and was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church.

The family extends special thanks to Ronnie Bates and Harold Bates for always being available when assistance was needed and to John and Mary Gunther for the beautiful flower and vegetable gardens planted annually at the home.

Following a private memorial service, interment will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Miracle Hill Ministries, P.O. Box 2546, Greenville,

SC 29602.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest, is in charge of the arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Tribute Wall

KD

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With condolences, Kittie Poole Dailey



Kittie Dailey - August 05, 2016 at 01:06 PM

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Kittie Poole Dailey - August 05, 2016 at 12:20 PM

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Kittie Poole Dailey - August 05, 2016 at 12:13 PM

PM

“ James, I'm so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. Sending prayers & love to you and your family. Stay strong my dear old friend....love ya:)



Peachie Moody - June 24, 2016 at 01:28 PM

JP

“ James, we are sorry for the loss of your dad. I have fond memories of your dad as we were growing up as kids around your grandparents house. My prayer is that the Lord will bless you at this time.
Jack & Gwen Pierce

Jack Pierce - June 10, 2016 at 10:21 AM

JP

“ James and Becky,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please take comfort in knowing so many friends are keeping you in their thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

Love ya, Jan Pozsonyi

Janice Pozsonyi - June 09, 2016 at 03:54 PM

DG

“ James & Becky,

Dad, Mike, I are so sorry for the loss of your father. I know you will miss him.

We will keep you and Becky in our prayers.

We love you all.

Furman Hall

Mike & Debbie Grant

Deborah Grant - June 09, 2016 at 09:04 AM

JA

“ James ,So very sorry to hear of the passing of your dad (Jimmie).Just know we are thinking of you and your family and lifting you up in our prayers. May the Lord continue to pour his blessing upon you and your family,during this time of sorrow.

we send out love to you and your precious family.

Curtis and Anne Pierce

Julie,Cheryl,Linda and Nancy

julie alexander - June 09, 2016 at 08:27 AM

AB

“ *Annie Mae Blackburn lit a candle in memory of James Ansel Pierce, Jr*



Annie Mae Blackburn - June 08, 2016 at 09:37 PM

 Vickie Myers

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I know it has been a long hard road for you. Just know that you have friends praying for you and your family.*



*Vickie Myers
Greenville County Elections*

Vickie Myers - June 08, 2016 at 09:20 PM

MW

“ *James, Kathy and I are lifting you up to our Lord during the Homegoing of your dad. As you know, your dad was a great blessing to me as a young Christian, then as a minister of music. He always encouraged your mom to support me on the organ. He was a huge blessing in helping build the softball field at Shiloh. We could not have done it without him. He even asked me to try to sell pallets. I was terrible and he just laughed. The funniest was listening to him and Calvin Looper try to work together. Amazing stuff!!! May the Lord continually pour His love on you. Mike and Kathy Whitson*

Michael Whitson - June 08, 2016 at 08:57 PM

VG

“ James & Becky, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. He is in a much better place now and is no longer in pain.

Vicki Gunning - June 08, 2016 at 08:38 PM

JG

“ So sorry for your loss Jim. When the last parent passes away it does leave one feeling more alone. Even if they were ill, they are still one's parent. Condolences to all.

Jan Gaunt - June 08, 2016 at 08:11 PM

AM

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Albert & Trudy McNinch - June 08, 2016 at 04:35 PM

BD

“ James and Becky -We are so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing - You are in our thoughts and prayers - If you need anything, please let us know - Jewel and Butch

Butch dockery - June 08, 2016 at 03:00 PM



My prayers are with you and Becky

Elizabeth Pritchett - June 09, 2016 at 06:51 PM