



## Rev. Robert F. Pierce, Jr.

September 1, 2014

Reverend Robert Franklin Pierce, Jr., 59, passed away peacefully at Athens Regional Medical Center on September 1, 2014.

He was born in Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., the son of Frank and Margaret Pierce. He graduated from Ringgold High School and spent his childhood in the Boynton community of Catoosa County; He graduated from Berry College in Rome, Ga. and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. He served as a pastor of Baptist and United Methodist Churches in North Carolina and Georgia. He was an Elder in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. His appointments included McGaughey's Chapel, Mount Pleasant, Fairview-Ft. Oglethorpe, Graysville UMC, Trion United Methodist Church, Lithia Springs, Powell Chapel, and most recently, Bold Spring UMC. He was involved in the Emmaus Community. He was a member of the Single Action Shooting Society and was a member of the Berry College Alumni Association.

He is survived by his daughter, Hillary Pierce, of Austin, Texas, three brothers, John D. Pierce, of Macon, Ga.; Barry Pierce, of Taylorsville, N.C. and Tim Pierce, of Ft Oglethorpe, Ga.

There will be a memorial service at Barnwell Chapel on the Berry College campus at 10:00am on Friday, September 5th with visitation the evening

before at Boynton Baptist Church from 6:00-8:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the National Kidney Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Rob and your family although it has been several years ago. Rob has a very special place in my heart and I am so sad to hear of his passing. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Shirley (Dickerson) Kersey - Hixson, TN - Friend** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I knew Rob through Dalton Little Theatre and the Creative Arts Guild. In fact, he was the one my husband quizzed when he first met me. Luckily, Rob gave me an excellent review. I had the pleasure of singing at Rob's church, playing Trivia with him and going out to dinner with him several times. We also shared the same alma mater, Berry. He and my husband even did some very cheesy and hilarious commercials for a local charity that was shown on local TV. He was a funny and interesting person. I'm very glad that I knew him. I was very sad to hear about his passing but knew he was not in the best of health. I'm sure he's playing golf and lighting up a cigar in Heaven even as I write this.

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**Lori McDaniel - Chatsworth, GA - Friend** - September 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Rob, as we all called him was a wonderful man and minister. I got to know him while he was pastor at Graysville UMC. I grew up in that church and later years moved to Chattanooga. Occasionally I would attend the church and really enjoyed his sermons. My son who lives in the Atlanta area wanted to get married in the church and Rob agreed. We had a great time going out to dinner with him as we planned the wedding. It was to be a small wedding with just family, but it turned out to be quite an event. My daughter-in-law was from Bogota, Colombia, South America. Her mother and two aunts came and her sister also from South America . Friends came from Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Texas and Africa. Rob said it looked like an international convention. He was a good man and we were sad to hear about him passing, but we know that he is with the Lord and all is right with his soul. We will miss you Rob.

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**Shirley Turney - Chattanooga, TN - Friend** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Prayers to Hilary, Johnny, Barry and Tim. Rob my old friend, you will be missed.

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**Janice Stephens - Ringgold, GA** - September 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Rob was a witty, intelligent, and brilliant conversationalist. He blessed us with his insight and his humorous outlook. He had a photographic memory and could entertain with stories and reflections for hours. He never met a stranger and he believed in the "Priesthood of all believers." His memory will always be with us. He regaled us with "Hillary" stories, and he leaves her a rich legacy of "service to humankind." He would want you to grieve, ...."but not as those who have no Hope." We all have hope to greet Rob again either before, or on ..."that Great Reunion Day." Our prayers are with the daughter, and the brothers & their families.

*Dean & Jane Ramey*

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**Dean and Jane Ramey - Raleigh, NC - Longtime friends** - September 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ John, Barry, and Tim, my thoughts are with you at this sad time. Robert was such a good childhood friend and he will be greatly missed. To this day when I hear a John Denver song I think of Robert.

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**Carl Cole - Chattanooga, TN - friend** - September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Rob was a dear man. Full of faith and fun. Rob attended our Tunnel Hill Heritage festival dressed in the full regalia of his Scottish ancestry including his kilt. He and my husband also participated in the Single Action Shooter's society and Rob cut quite the dashing figure in his ten gallon, cowboy hat. As a clinician at Highland Rivers Mental Health, Rob imparted great hope and inspiration to his clients. He was a wonderful, deceit, and honest man who fought his many illnesses so bravely. And his sense of humor was sharply keen. I am so sorry for your loss. May God hold you and keep you all in His arms and in his Heart. always.

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**Boyd and Rhonda Whitfield - Tunnel Hill, GA - Friends and Colleagues -**  
September 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Gerald and Kathy Blevins - Ringgold, GA - Friend -** September 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM