



## Jerold Pierce

May 14, 1951 - May 14, 2005

"Jerold Pierce"

BRISTOL, Va. - Jerold Roman Pierce, 54, of 5012 Gate City Highway, Bristol, Va., entered into his heavenly home on Saturday, May 14, 2005.

"Jerry" was born on May 11, 1951, in Duluth, son of Delores and the late Roman Pierce. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1969 and from Northern Michigan University in 1973.

He married Christy Rae Walters at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain on July 8, 1972.

Upon graduation from Northern Michigan University, he began working for Ford Motor Credit Co. He remained with Ford for 32 years starting as a reposessor in Saginaw, lower Michigan. After 10 years, he transferred to Dallas then to Amarillo, Texas. In 1988, he moved to Albuquerque, N.M. as FMC branch operations manager and later as a dealer account representative.

He and Christy made many great friendships wherever they were located. Retirement in 2004, took them to Bristol where they enjoyed being closer to their two grandsons.

Jerry was a member of Highlands Fellowship Church in Abingdon, Va. He was a life member of Optimists International and had served as president of the Northwest Optimist Club in Albuquerque. Jerry was an avid Minnesota Vikings and New Mexico Lobos fan and often ushered at Lobos games.

He loved to fish with his son and nephews and was looking forward to

teaching his grandsons the fine art of fishing. Jerry was a very giving and unselfish person and loved volunteering and helping wherever he was needed.

He also enjoyed being a part of a chase crew for hot air ballooning while in Albuquerque and was instrumental in bringing relatives and friends to their first experience of hot air ballooning.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Christy; one daughter, Heidi (Gary) McGeough of Bristol; one son, Ryan (Debbie) of Albuquerque; two special grandsons, Tyler, age 5, and Austin, age 9 months, McGeough of Bristol; his mother, Delores "Dee" Pierce; three sisters, Nancy (Rick) Anderson and Wendy (Mark) Warmuth all of Iron Mountain; and Pam (Dan) Janish of St. Croix, Virgin Islands; one brother, Randy (Deanna) of Negaunee; his mother and father-in-law, Harlan and Orice Walters of Iron Mountain; two brother-in-laws, Lennie (special friend, Lorrie) and Tim Walters both of Iron Mountain; and sister-in-law, Sally (Bill) Borga; and many very special nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was an infant daughter, Chelsea Rae, and his father, Roman Pierce.

The visitation will be on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church on S. Stephenson Ave in Iron Mountain.

The Celebration of Life Service begins at 12 noon with Rev. Peter Jonas officiating

Pallbearers will be Rick Anderson, Mark Warmuth, Lennie Walters, Tim Walters and Bill Borga.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to "A Gift of Life Memorials" at Mountain Region Donor Services, 110 KLM Drive Suite 2, Gray, Tenn. 37615

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jerry Pierce online at [www.errnashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.errnashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

PT

“ Dear Christie and the extended Pierce and Walters family members,

*I only recently learned, to my shock and sorrow, that Jerry has passed. I haven't seen any of you for several years, but that doesn't diminish my memories of him from the past. He was first and foremost one of the nicest people I've had the pleasure and good luck to meet. Please accept my deepest sympathy.*

*Peter*

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**Peter Trembath** - December 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ You are all continually in my prayers. I wish I could be there with you. I will come and spend some time with you after everything settles down. My heart aches for you, but at the same time I am so grateful that all of you and Jerry have been in my life. I love all of you dearly. Jerry never met a stranger. Every one he knew became a friend and many of us were lucky enough to become part of your family as well. The blessings are too numerous to count...Jerry had the opportunity to be where he wanted to be and to be with the people he loved most for the last year. He was the happiest man I have ever known. He took so much pride in all of you. The reponse from the dealers here has been nothing short of remarkable. Jerry was loved and respected by everyone. You are his legacy and Jerry will continue to have a presence in this life through you. He will always watch over you and protect you. The rest of us will be here for you and continue to lift your family in prayer. Jerry set an example for us all. He loved his life and he lived it fully. We must honor him and do our best to live the same way. Take care of yourselves and each other.

With much love,  
Deb Livingston

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**Deb Livingston** - May 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Jerry for how nice he was to me and my family. My mother also expresses her deepest sympathy to you, Christy. "The good die young." God Bless you, Christy, Heidi, and Ryan.  
Sincerely,

Mary R. Oja-Schroeder  
Barbara A. Oja

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**Mary R. Oja-Schroeder and Barbara A. Oja** - May 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Christy & Family,

*Veronica and I send our condolences to you and your family. We are very sorry to here about Jerry's unfortunat departure but we know he is in a wonderful place. I know he really loved Tyler (Austin was not born when we worked together in Albuquerque) because all he talked about on our joint sales call was what you all had planned with Tyler, etc. We know you all will greatly miss Jerry as he was a wonderful, caring, and big-hearted person. Again, we are sorry about your loss and our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Best wishes,*

*Kevin & Veronica Lawson  
1091 Mason Street  
Lantana, TX 76226  
940-728-1091*

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**Kevin & Veronica Lawson** - May 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Christy, joann and i just returned from my daughters graduation in iowa to here the unbelievable news of jerry. our hearts sank. we all know jerry lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed both friends , family and all acquaintances. his help through our current venture will never be forgotten. jerrys loss will be felt by many, if there is anything joann and i can do for you or the rest of the family, please never hesitate to ask. our hearts are with yall on this final day, and wish you godspeed. love danny and joann voight and all of us at danny voight's auto center

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**Danny and Joann Voight** - May 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ Though it has been a long while since seeing each other, I think of you all often and am sending my hopeful and healing energy your way. Jerry was a wonderful influence in my life as I was growing up with the balloon crew. He taught me that being silly is one of the best ways to spend your time. I am ever-thankful to have known him and will grieve his passing. Your family has always been strong and supportive of those around you and I wish for you to feel some of that same love surrounding you now.

*With love, sadness, and gratitude,  
Meagan Yellott*

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**Meagan Yellott** - May 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ To All Of Jerry's Loved Ones ... please know how deeply saddened I am over his passing. Even though the years and the miles physically separated us, except for a class reunion now and then, it's important to me that you know that to this day I consider Jerry to be one of my true best lifetime friends. We shared a special childhood bond that never escaped from me during the past 40 years. I will cherish it always. I hope that I meant as much to Jerry Pierce as he meant to me. He was special. God Bless.

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**Bill Kauper** - May 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dear Cristy, Heidi, Ryan and Family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers...Jerry truly had a zest for life; we remember his willingness to lend a hand whenever needed, giving of self always and an uplifting, infectious smile! Jerry...a man you could count on!!! And, he loved his NASCAR racing! Perhaps now new meaning can be given to the NASCAR acronym: "Now Assured Security, Comfort And Reward." God's love does not keep us from trials but sees us through them. Much love, Eileen and Dave Card

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**Dave and Eileen Card** - May 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Christy, Your church family in ABQ loves you and is praying for you and your family.

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**Randall and Donna Stotts** - May 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ The Pierce Family,  
I just found out late last night about Jerry's passing. I don't need to tell you that Jerry and I were great friends. We had many terrific adventures together. In the elementary school years many of them centered around Crystal Lake. When we were in our teens our adventures took us further from home to places like Silver Lake, to visit our buddy Ron. Jerry was a big part of my childhood years, the kind of friend you never forget, no matter how much time passes. It has been several years since I have seen Jerry, but I can see his big smile and hear his hearty laugh. I'm sure Jerry and his dad have shared a few jokes already and are casting their lines into some lazy river full of rainbow trout. Jerry will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Thanks for sharing Jerry with me for all those years. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Dave Satterlund** - May 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Christy, Heidi, Ryan, & Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and deepest condolences are with you.

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**Bernadette Juarez** - May 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ You are in our thoughts, prayers, and our hearts. We love you and are here for you.

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**Ostrander Family** - May 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We loved Jerry very much and he'll be greatly missed. I think anyone who met Jerry thought of him as a good friend. "Some people make the world more special just by being in it."

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**Danny Cole** - May 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Christy and Family, I just wanted you to know that the Prayer Team of Hoffmantown West, along with many of your friends and small group members from the church are lifting you up in prayer. Please know that we are with you in thought and that you have one more body of believers who grieve your loss, and ours, and stand ready to minister to you in any way you need. We can't wait for you to come "home" so we can show our support by physically giving you the hugs we are sending you emotionally for now. In His Love, Bev Wilson and the Hoffmantown West Prayer Team

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**Beverly Wilson** - May 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ When I think of Jerry, I think of a man with a kind heart who was always helping his neighbors and friends without ever expecting anything in return.

*Jerry was the servant that Jesus met and told "well done", I have been waiting for you.*

*Love,  
Jerry & Gloria*

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**Jerry Johnson** - May 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Christy, Heidi, Gary, Tyler, Austin, Ryan & Debbie, Please know that our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. When we think of Jerry we remember how he always wore his Grandpa shirts. Being grandparents ourselves we always thought that was so neat. Jerry was so proud and loved being a grandpa. We had such a wonderful time and felt so special and so welcome when we visited you. I'm just sad I never sent a note so that Jerry would know how we felt about the visit.

*Read John 14:1-4 and know that Jerry is in his mansion that Jesus prepared just for him. we love you guys.*

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**Doug & Jackie Henry** - May 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ You are all in my thoughts - I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Erin Cardone** - May 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I am looking at a picture of our good bud Jerry and I cannot believe it, especially when I look at his picture. You all are in our constant prayers and thoughts.

*We Love you!*

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**Skip and Anna** - May 17, 2005 at 12:00 AM