



Jack Pierce

December 27, 1955 - September 21, 2024

PRINCETON – Jack Pierce, 68, of Princeton, died September 21, 2024. Born December 27, 1955, in Chicago, he was the son of the late Earl Pierce and Joanne Killingsworth. He was the firstborn of five.

Jack graduated from DuQuoin High School in Illinois before enlisting in the Air Force in 1974. His favorite duty station was in Okinawa, Japan. He was a Vietnam Era veteran serving a total of five years. He worked as a security guard at Joliet Maximum Security Prison. He was also a metal fabricator at Penn Aluminum. He enjoyed fishing and playing golf, but always seemed happiest while riding around on his Harley Davidson. He was a huge Chicago Bears fan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-father, Larry Waltemate.

Survivors include five children; Ryan Pierce and his daughter Lainey of TX, Heather Pierce-Hines and husband Matt and their daughter Aubrey of IL, Kelley Pierce and wife Mollie of Princeton, Teresa Dennison and wife Deanna and their son Kaiden of IL, and Molly Vandoozer and husband James and their daughter Avaline of IL; siblings, Cindy Laur of IL, Tony Pierce of TN, Jesse Pierce of IL, and Micki Corley of IL; and brother from another mother, Larry Shewmake of IL.

There will be no services at the funeral home.

Arrangements by Bailey Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *my prayers for Jack and family* ”



Randy Horton - September 28, 2024 at 07:34 PM

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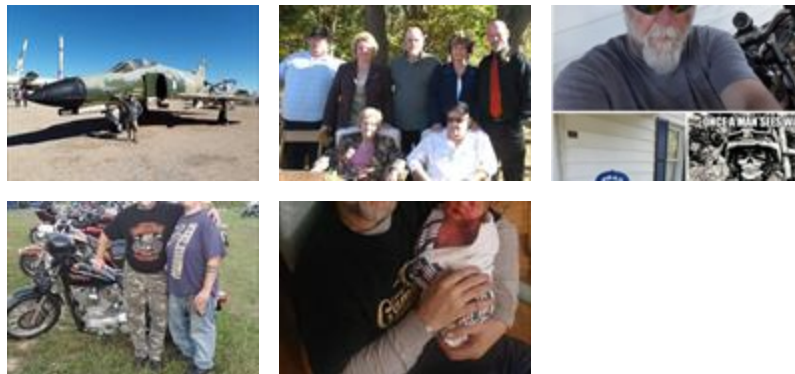
“ *Sending love and prayers to the family.* ”



Becky Morris - September 26, 2024 at 09:56 PM

KP

“ *Just wanted to post a few pics of Dad* ”



Kelley Pierce - September 26, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Jack Pierce, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Air Force Veteran, Jack Pierce, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - September 26, 2024 at 07:14 AM

MC

So sorry for the loss of your brother! He was a good friend of ours and he will be missed ! May God be with you and your family at this time ! God Bless you all !

Margie Conner - September 28, 2024 at 12:22 AM

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“ *Larry Shewmake lit a candle in memory of Jack Pierce*



Larry Shewmake - September 25, 2024 at 07:16 PM

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My best friend he will be missed

Larry Shewmake - September 25, 2024 at 07:17 PM

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Larry Shewmake - September 25, 2024 at 07:15 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss your family is in my thoughts and prayers

Susan Formanski-Zettler - September 25, 2024 at 06:41 PM