



James Pierce

April 20, 1927 - April 14, 2010

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA – James F. Pierce, 82, of Adrian, passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, April 14, 2010 in Florida.

Jim was born April 20, 1927, in Adrian, the son of Leon F. and Mary L. (Swank) Pierce. He graduated from Adrian High School with the Class of 1945. Jim received his Bachelor's Degree from Albion College. During World War II, Jim was stationed in Germany while serving in the United States Air Force.

On August 14, 1949, Jim married Doris Kimball in Adrian. Doris, his wife of over 60 years, survives.

Jim worked for Bohn Aluminum which later became Gulf + Western in Adrian, Danville, IL, Detroit, and lastly in New York City where he retired in 1984 as Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller. Jim and Doris returned to Adrian and enjoyed summers in Cheboygan and winters in Naples. Jim collected antique sporting goods and turned his hobby into a small business he and Doris could do together.

Jim was an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by three sons: Gregory (Cindy) Pierce of

Lowell, MI; Thomas (Wendy) Pierce of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; and William (Donna) Pierce of Avoca, PA; ten grandchildren: Leslie, Kristen, Nathan, Kelsey, Matthew, Jason, Laura, Emma, Lisa, and Suzanne; two great grandchildren: Emma and Isaiah; and a sister, Ruth (Ernie) Gruenberg of Port Charlotte, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Robert Pierce.

The funeral service for Jim will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 18, 2010, at Wagley Funeral Home with Rev. Gary Dawes officiating. Burial will be private at Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may visit the family at the funeral home on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. You may also send condolences at www.wagleyfuneralhome.com. Contributions in memory of Jim may be made to the Salvation Army or the First United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ James Pierce

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Thinking of your family at this time. Bill and Donna are friends of ours. They have always spoke so highly of Jim and have looked so forward to all their visits with him and Bill's Mom. Bill has so many beautiful qualities which I am sure some were from his Dad. His kindness, love and devotion. Blessings and Love, Brenda, Lenny and Dylan Grunza##imported-begin##Brenda Grunza##imported-end##

April 19, 2010 at 04:05 PM



“ Bill,
Please accept our sympathy on the loss of your Father. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Catherine Hudak and Richard Gibbons##imported-end##

April 19, 2010 at 08:35 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I was looking forward to seeing him at the reunion. Please know that our prayers are with you and your family. Mary Lou and Ray Moore##imported-begin##Mary Lou (Ingersoll) Moore##imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 01:55 PM



“ Jim always made me laugh - and gave great welcoming hugs. I always looked forward to seeing Jim and Doris when visiting Wendy and Tom. Jim took the time to catch up with me and the kids. We had an opportunity to visit the Cheboygan home one summer and it was hard to leave. My thoughts are with everyone at this sad time. I miss him, too.##imported-begin##Debra Sider##imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ Doris and JoAnn; Were so sorry for your loss and big one it is. I always looked for to viewing his wonderful finds as he had a keen for only the best. He was very respected in the field of antiques, I will that and him. We were blessed to have been neighbors to you and your mom. Flip and Mary Halstead##imported-begin##Flip and Mary Halstead##imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 10:22 AM



“ Dear Doris, Ruth and family, So sad to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good man and I loved his sense of humor. I have fond memories of our families getting together when we all lived in Michigan. My prayers are with you at this time, and always.##imported-begin##Ann Pierce##imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 07:56 AM



“ Dear Doris, Ruth and families,
Please know that we are thinking of you and wishing we could be with you. I explained in my e-mail to Ruth that we're unable to be in Adrian this weekend. You are so much in our thoughts and prayers. Jim was such a favorite cousin with us.
We send much love to you,
Bette, Scott, Joan and Frank##imported-begin##Joan & Frank D'Rone, Bette & Scott MacKenzie##imported-end##

April 16, 2010 at 11:34 PM



“ Doris and family: We were so sorry to read of Jim's death. Our sincere sympathy. Our thoughts are will you at this sad time.##imported-begin##Denis & Carol Jodis##imported-end##

April 16, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ Doris and family,
I was very sad to learn of the passing of my favorite Uncle Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I hope to talk with you soon but know for now I am thinking of you and the wonderful times all of us shared.##imported-begin##Marsha Pierce##imported-end##

April 16, 2010 at 03:46 PM



“ Goodbye Uncle Jim: Thanks for all of the memories. Love and condolences to Aunt Doris and Cousins. John & Ileen in Colorado.##imported-begin##John DeVelbiss##imported-end##

April 16, 2010 at 10:45 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Jim. He was a wonderful father and great husband. We will miss him. We send the family our love. Barb and Ron Sider##imported-begin##Barbara Sider##imported-end##

April 16, 2010 at 08:02 AM