



Jerry J. Pierce

November 12, 1941 - February 15, 2022

Jerry J. Pierce, 80, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on February 15, 2022. He was born in Fostoria, Ohio on November 12, 1941, to Daniel and Bertha (Reese) Pierce. Jerry married Judy Franz on April 18, 1964, at St. Paul Methodist Church, Napoleon.

Jerry worked for Tenneco and served in the US Army National Guard. He enjoyed watching westerns on TV and following The Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cleveland Indians. Jerry coached little league baseball in Napoleon for over 15 years. He also enjoyed fishing and teaching the grandkids to fish.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judy; children, Wanda (Merle) Deaton, Timothy (Shannon) Pierce, and Sheryl (Paul) Chapman; grandchildren, Matt (Erin) Deaton, DJ (Kayt) Deaton, Christopher Pierce, Melissa Pierce, Danielle Pierce, Cameron Pierce, Taryn (Dakota) Startzman, and Logan Schroeder; step grandchildren, Heather Chapman, Tyler Chapman, and Anna Chapman; seven great grandchildren; brothers, Jack (Linda) Pierce and Rodney (Melissa) Pierce; and faithful dog, Sammy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Loretta Pierce, Sarah (Eugene) Diemer, and Joyce (Robert) Jones.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, February 20, 2022, from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Monday, February 21, 2022, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services, Interment will take place at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance. Memorial contributions may be made to the Filling Home of Mercy or The American Diabetes Association. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

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“ *From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known.*

Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one.

Service brings rewards as well. There is the pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

COL (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA

Dr. Mark W. Lee, COL (Retired) USA - February 19, 2022 at 10:13 AM

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“ Judy, so sorry to hear the news. It's not right that we don't see others at reunion like we used to. Know that this is very tough; he was one of the good ones and know you have made many memories over the past 57 years. May God bless you as you find comfort and peace as each new day comes. Your cousin Clara



Clara Ritzman - February 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM

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“ Mike and Cindy Bugg purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry J. Pierce.



Mike and Cindy Bugg - February 17, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jerry J. Pierce.



February 17, 2022 at 10:37 AM

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“ We are Leipsic Class 1960 with Jerry. Even though Jerry only went to LHS for a few years he and Judy always showed up for our reunions. Jerry was a nice quiet man always with a smile on his face.
May the Peace of the Lord be with Judy and his family in this trying time.

Ted & Shannon Weaver
LHS 1960

Ted Weaver - February 16, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jerry J. Pierce.



February 16, 2022 at 08:21 PM

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“ The Leipsic High School Class of 1960 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jerry J. Pierce.



The Leipsic High School Class of 1960 - February 16, 2022 at 07:05 PM