



Bernice "Patty" Pierce

February 13, 1948 - September 8, 2019

Bernice M. "Patty" Pierce, age 71, completed her journey Home on Sunday morning, September 8, 2019, surrounded by family. Her love for God dictated the way she lived her life. She is well known for saying, "I love my God". She knew that He was with her no matter how hard the road or how bleak the outlook. Her faith never wavered and her strength never waned.

Patty was a BHS graduate (Class of 1966) and attended Morgan State for 2 years. She worked at MetLife for 26 years, several of those as Branch Administrator before working at Enterprise Uniform and eventually Administrative duties at Inspira Medical Center Vineland (Women's Imaging), subsequently retiring in 2011. Through the years though, her focus had always been caring for her family, especially making sure that everyone had meals prepared and our bond was strong. Not a day would go by without a Good Morning phone call, nor a night pass without "Goodnight, God bless you and keep you".

Patty was a member of the United Methodist Women, through which she served as a Missionary to Haiti. While there, she helped to build schools. She adored the Haitian people, saying that she "fell in love with them because they were beautiful people, but nobody gives them a chance". She also helped make school uniforms for the children of Haiti, which would allow them to attend school. Patty had been named Outstanding Young Woman of the Year, for the Jaycees; #1 Employee of the Quarter and also #1 Employee of the Year, while employed at Inspira Medical Center.

Patty lived most of her life in Bridgeton, New Jersey, but resided in California for a short time while Kenny served in the military. Married for 51 years, Patty would often say that Kenny "is my heart, and I mean that literally. When you love, you love forever."

Patty was many things to many people. She was fiercely loyal and unapologetically honest. We could always count on her to speak her mind, but always with love! She planted seeds of love in each of us that we will cultivate and grow to honor her. She also imparted words of wisdom that will guide us along our paths and most of all she instilled

faith that God can and will see us through it all.

Patty loved her family unconditionally and she showed that love without hesitation. She enjoyed cooking for her family, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A house full of love, laughter and chatter brought her so much joy. She always loved sitting outside soaking up the warmth of the sun.

Patty is predeceased by father James E. Hands, Sr., mother Margaret Bernice Hands, brothers Eugene B. Sammons, James H. Ridgeway, Jr., Arthur Ridgeway and William A. Ridgeway, Sr. Left to cherish her memory is her husband Kenneth E. Pierce, son Darren E. Pierce (Shannon), daughter Jennifer L. Pierce, sister Connie E. Pierce, brother James E. Hands, Jr. (Ruth), godson Fred E. Pierce, Jr. (Kelly), 8 grandchildren, Ismael J. Pierce, Jessica L. Pierce (Joe), Joshua A. Pierce (Deanna), Amber N. Pierce, Kare R. Adams, Gabriel C. Pierce, Jared M. Pierce, Justin A. Pierce, 8 great-grandchildren Jordan, Kaleb, Jakobé, Madden, Jayden, Jeremiah, Johanna, Abel, Jasmine and Ava. Also left to cherish her are a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends, including sister-in-law Hester Ridgeway. In addition are those lovingly dubbed her "special friends" Margaret Bozearth, Phyllis Buck, Brenda Davis and her "other children" Shahreen and Nate Read and Alyssa Adams.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday September 21, 2019 at `11:00a.m. from the SRAY-WEBSTER FUNERAL HOME, 62 Landis Ave. at Carll's Corner, Upper Deerfield Twp. A viewing will be held on Friday evening at the funeral home from 6:00-8:00p.m. and again on Saturday morning one hour prior to the services. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Memorial Park, Hopewell Twp.

Cemetery

Cedar Hill Memorial Park
Greenwich Road
Hopewell Township, NJ,

Events

SEP 20 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM
Sray Webster Funeral Home
62 Landis Ave, Bridgeton, NJ, US, 08302

SEP 21 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Sray Webster Funeral Home
62 Landis Ave, Bridgeton, NJ, US, 08302

SEP 21 Service 11:00AM
Sray Webster Funeral Home
62 Landis Ave, Bridgeton, NJ, US, 08302

Comments



“ So sorry to hear of Bernice's passing, she was my locker partner and we shared many happy moments in school, She was a special loving person always with smile. Rest in peace my friend.i always called her Berni. forever your friend Jannette Hardy Angelo

jannette Angelo - October 04, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences. May loving memories allow your hearts to smile again soon.

Melissa Goldsborough - September 23, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ Her picture says everything, Patty radiates the beauty of God, the love and the kindness of God. What a wonderful thing her mother Bernice started, a family full of love for the the Lord. Patty continued the family tradition. She raised a beautiful family. No matter how dark the days were Patty lit up the world with her beautiful smile. She always took time to greet individuals and never knew a stranger. Her family was blessed to have such a beautiful, wholesome person in their lives. She was a positive person and truly loved everyone, especially her family and husband Kenny. I am enriched to have had Patty in my life. May God Bless Patty and her family.
Love,
Fred & Maria Kauffmann
Pittsburgh, PA.



Fred Kauffmann - September 20, 2019 at 10:49 AM



“ patty was such a lovely life loving young woman that illuminated the lives of those she touched. Always cheerful, even in sickness and very giving always. So glad to have known her and her wonderful family and glad that she has always loved the Lord. May our good savior bestow peace in the hearts of family and friends as she journeys home.

Victor and Helen Bermudez - September 18, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ This was the sweetest most genuinely kind and caring lady, with a smile that could light up the room, such a joyous person, blessed to have crossed paths with her, she will always be loved and remembered. The Gibbs Family.

Gwen Gibbs - September 15, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ Tracy Lilly And Harrison Loatman lit a candle in memory of Bernice "Patty" Pierce



Tracy lilly and Harrison loatman - September 14, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ So sorry sending prayers to the family.

Tracy lilly and Harrison loatman - September 14, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ No better example of what goodness is, kindness should be, and how to love generously.

Raymond Jordan - September 13, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Kenny and family. Patty was a wonderful person and we shared a lot of great memories at Met Life Jim Plerhoples

James Plerhoples - September 12, 2019 at 09:20 PM



“ Condolences to the family, Patty was a great friend of mine as was the entire family, we grew up together and went all thru school together graduating in 1966, RIP Patty (Jr Durham)

Lloyd Durham Jr - September 13, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ My Heartfelt Sympathy to the family. I met her at Morgan University in 1967. She was a beautiful God filled person who remained beautiful inside and out over the years. May the fond memories of her bring each of you comfort. With Love and Blessings, Sarah Duckett Paul- class of 1970- Morgan University

sarah Paul - September 13, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ What a joy it was to know and work with Patty. She always was willing to share her time and herself for those in need no matter what the need may have been. What a joy to know that because of her faith she is now resting in the arms of Jesus. Always in my heart.
Barbara Williams Gilman

Barbara Gilman - September 20, 2019 at 04:19 PM