



## Zola Inamae Pierce

July 12, 1939 - October 28, 2016

Zola I. Pierce of Millington, MD, died Friday October 28, 2016, in the Bayhealth Medical Center, Dover, DE. She was 77. Mrs. Pierce was born in Creston, NC, the daughter of the late Conley and Nancy Mahala Osborne.

For many years, Mrs. Pierce worked as a machine operator for Bentley-Harris, a manufacturing company. In her retirement, she enjoyed sewing, cooking, and canning. She loved to watch the birds and wildlife that frequented her home. She enjoyed traveling, but most important in her life was her family. Her children and grandchildren brought her great pleasure. Mrs. Pierce was a former auxiliary member of the Ladies of the Moose.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Pierce is predeceased by a daughter, Sharon Pierce, and two sisters, Goldie Stewert and Delcie Deton.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Willie Joe Pierce; son, Joe E. Pierce and wife Pamela of Coatesville, PA; son, Eddie R. and wife Nancy Pierce of Honeybrook, PA; son John C. and wife Gen of Ennis, MT; daughter, Tammy Pierce and Paul of Honeybrook, PA; daughter, Vicki Pierce and Chip of Malvern, PA; brothers, James, Bill, and Tom Osborne all of Creston, NC; a sister, Margaret Roark of Mountain City, TN; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of her Life will be held on Saturday November 26, 2016, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Fellows Family Funeral Home, 370 Cypress St., Millington, MD. A time of remembering and sharing will begin at 2 p.m.

Final services will be held in North Carolina at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Zola Inamae Pierce*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Zola Inamae Pierce*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Zola Inamae Pierce*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss! We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*The Higgins Family*

**Vicki Higgins** - November 26, 2016 at 11:48 AM

TS

“ I want to send my condolences to the Pierce family. I am unable to attend the memorial service today, but I want you all to know that you guys are in my thoughts and prayers. Mom Pierce was one of the most kindest, gentle and generous ladies I've ever known. She always made us kids feel welcome in her home which, looking back, was quite a task, because all of kids had friends over most of the time! Always a house full! I have many fond memories of being there when I was younger. Thanks to your parents for helping to raise a whole slew of kids! Each and every one of us is a better person for having to know and love them!

Love, Tammy Strater (Carter)

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**Tammy Strater** - November 26, 2016 at 08:56 AM

PA

“ I have to do this tribute to my mother-in law since I can,t be there. This women made me feel like the family from the start. We stayed up many nights till 2 in the morning sharing stories. Some good some not. I always valued her opinion. She would make her pinto beans which I would call YUCK beans because I wasn't use to them. She didn't care that I didn't like them and would make me something else. What special person would do this for somebody! But guess what , they grew on me because she made them. I will cherish all the fun times we had together and I am so happy that she was my mother-in-law. Could not be luckier! Love you much. Rest in peace. Your daughter-in-law. Pam Pierce



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**pampierce** - November 24, 2016 at 05:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Zola Inamae Pierce.*



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November 24, 2016 at 04:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Zola Inamae Pierce.*



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November 22, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ *Roxanne Dean lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce*



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**Roxanne Dean** - November 07, 2016 at 07:25 PM

RP

“ *Willie & Family,*

*We were so sorry to hear of the passing of such a sweet & lovely women. The three of us have so many sweet moments when we lived next door in Downingtown,PA with such a sweet family. so many times Ann watched us and our mom you kids. And the great food Ann cooked for us. When we moved away we never loss touch with her and the family. I so remember her great corn bread & pinto beans she would cook. Also remember that our Dad, Ricky, Robin got to go for a visit to Maryland for Willie's B-Day and Ann's macaroni salad tasted just like our mom's & Ann told Tammy when I said that Ann answered that's because Anna taught me how to make it and that made me think of my mom on that day with the loss of her. We all have so many great memories. We know Ann is in heaven with family and friends & having a good time and cooking up a storm.*

*Our thoughts and prayers to you all.*

*Love Ricky, Randy, Robin Kimes*

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**Robin Kimes Piper** - November 04, 2016 at 10:21 AM

SK

“ *The world is a little less bright without this sweet woman in it. As one of the many "adopted" kids, we had bon fires out back, there was always a cold one in the fridge with your name on it and if you were hurt, sad, upset, she had a few words of wisdom to help ease the pain.. She was a second mother to me, an amazing friend and an inspiration to always be kind, even through the hardest of times, be kind. I was a fortunate orphan at an early age and the entire family took me under their wings.. I'm lost knowing "Mom" Pierce isn't out there with her warm smile, a hug and some awesome biscuits and gravy.*

*My children and I will miss her very much, but she will live on in our hearts as we all endeavor to be more like her, more like "our Mom."*

XOXO  
~Suzie

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**Suzie Houff Kleese** - November 04, 2016 at 05:43 AM

CS

“ *Christina M. Smith lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce*



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**Christina M. Smith** - November 03, 2016 at 10:26 PM

CS

“ My Goodness I love this women...we were neighbors in Malvern during the late '70...Her daughter Vicki was and still is my Daughter Maureen's Best Friend... Mrs. Pierce never called her Zola....was just a walking heart of love.. she help teach me to be a good Mom. When ever U want to talk and have a beer I went to Mrs. Pierce.. She always solved any problems I had...always in the kitchen .. Making a meal... The house was always full of children... So much positive energy.. I know Her Husband Willy loves her so much... God Bless your my Zola ... surround your beautiful family that your and Willy made with Angels . To let them know U will continue to guide and love them all from Heaven.. Tina Smith

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**Christina M. Smith** - November 03, 2016 at 10:25 PM

TJ

“ I had a lot of fun working with Annie ,she was a well liked person and a good woman. She did a lot for me. God bless her.

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**Terry Jurata** - November 03, 2016 at 05:16 PM

 Maureen Burns

“ A Wonderful Soul and a Second Mother to me is no longer with us but her soul will forever be around! (That is for sure) I am so glad to have known her and spend many times at her table , which you always got a smile and a Hello whenever you walked through the door. My thoughts and prayers and with you all!!!

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**Maureen Burns** - November 03, 2016 at 12:28 PM

Paula Diobilda

“ You will be missed Annie, Joe and I send our condolences to your family



Paula Diobilda - November 02, 2016 at 01:31 PM

DW

“ My condolences to the family, she was an AWESOME lady and I'm sure she will be missed.

Dan Winters - November 01, 2016 at 07:07 PM

RB

“ Roberta Barnes lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce



Roberta Barnes - November 01, 2016 at 06:47 PM

RU

“ Ruthie lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce



Ruthie - November 01, 2016 at 05:03 PM

 Steffie  
Hensley

“ I remember a few years ago my mom and I went up north to a family reunion, and we were staying with Inamae while we were up there. It poured the rain on us almost the whole way there, and when we got there Inamae was still up past midnight waiting on us to get there. She was my great aunt, and she was very dear to all of us down here. She was one of the kindest and most caring people I ever knew, and she will be dearly missed. We love you Inamae!

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**Steffie Hensley** - November 01, 2016 at 03:50 PM

MA

So very sorry for this family. I love them all like my own. I must say it again... she made the best biscuits and gravy!!! Now she can make them for everyone in heaven💜 Prayers and hugs to all of you🙏

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**Marjorie** - November 01, 2016 at 05:10 PM

ND

Mrs pierce was a 2nd mom to all of us who grew up in Malvern along with her children. Her door was always open to all of us and we always had such great times when we were there . She was a wonderful person. I spent a lot of my teen years there it was one of the best times of my life . rest in peace Mrs Pierce I will never forget your heart of gold. my condolences to your entire family. She was a great lady lots of prayers and love to all of you . your friend Nancy Danbach

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**Nancy danbach** - November 02, 2016 at 02:01 AM

DA

I worked with Annie for years at Bentley Harris. She was the nicest woman I'd ever met. So sorry for your loss

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**Deb Alexander** - November 02, 2016 at 10:43 AM

AS

“ Anna Sabbi lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce



Anna Sabbi - November 01, 2016 at 03:46 PM

Steffie Hensley

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Steffie Hensley - November 01, 2016 at 03:45 PM

ST

“ Sherry Taylor lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce



Sherry Taylor - November 01, 2016 at 03:06 PM

Jaci Greene

“ Jaci Greene lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce



Jaci Greene - November 01, 2016 at 03:02 PM

PB

“ *Pam Bunting lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce*



Pam Bunting - November 01, 2016 at 01:49 PM

SD

“ *Sheryl Curtis Duane lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce*



Sheryl Curtis Duane - November 01, 2016 at 01:32 PM

SO

“ *Susie Osborne lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce*



Susie Osborne - October 31, 2016 at 04:42 PM

RD

“ *Roxanne Dean lit a candle in memory of Zola Inamae Pierce*



Roxanne Dean - October 31, 2016 at 02:48 PM



Robert  
Winebar

*Sorry for your lose*

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**Robert Winebarger** - November 01, 2016 at 01:49 PM



TZ

*Dear Vicki and Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Take care.*

*Trish Zolty*

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**Trish Zolty** - November 02, 2016 at 10:10 AM