



Dora Gloria Pierce

January 8, 1922 - December 6, 2021

Dora Gloria Pierce, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully on December 6 at her home in San Antonio, surrounded by her family.

Dora Rodriguez was born January 8, 1922, in San Antonio to Angela and Ben Rodriguez, a descendant of the early Spanish settlers of this area. She was orphaned as an infant but was fortunate to be raised by her loving grandparents Rosa and Luis Zepeda and many doting aunts and uncles. After her graduation from high school, she trained as a secretary and found employment at Kelly Air Force Base. One of her bosses was Joel Pierce, whom she married in 1945 during World War II while he was on leave from the Navy.

Dora took her roles as wife, mother and friend very seriously. She kept an immaculate home despite the presence of four boisterous children and a husband with numerous hobbies. She was active in the PTA as a room mother, at one point being instrumental in organizing a polio vaccine drive at her children's elementary school. Later in life she volunteered at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in the library and as a Eucharistic minister. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, traveling and reading biographies and histories. She had a sharp mind even through the last days of her life, often reminding us to pay her bills on time. She was always concerned about others, welcoming her children's and grandchildren's friends into her home and offering love, support and snacks. Above all she wanted harmony in her home

and her family.

Dora is survived by her children Barbara Darnell (Charles), Joel David Pierce (Jessica), Anthony Pierce, and Carol Pierce (Rey Gonzales); grandchildren Sarah Wood (Daniel), Paul Darnell, Noah Pierce (Kate), Aidan Pierce and Anya Pierce; and great-grandchildren Zoe Wood, Connor Wood and Chloe Pierce. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 63 years, Joel Clyde Pierce.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

DEC **29**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Interment

DEC **30**. 11:30 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

NP

“ Grandma,

It's been a lonely year without you. It's difficult to accept that our friendship will have no new memories added to it which don't come from my imagination. At least a dozen times I've reached for my phone intent on calling or texting to keep you up to date on daily happenings. I miss your laugh and smile, and can hear what your responses would have been to Chloe's silly antics when I watch her play or listen to her tell me stories.

Aside from your departure, the past year has been wonderful and exciting in many ways. I so wish to have been able to share these triumphs with you. Chloe and I reminisce often about your love, your home, and the many lessons you taught us both. A young couple is now making that home their own. I hope they can feel and expand on the love contained within those walls.

I fondly think of our many trips to the sunken gardens throughout the years and in particular our trip to san francisco when you were at the youthful age of 89. We joked around about the best way to blend in with the locals, did tai chi in washington square park, took on the steep hills one step at a time, and experienced the magnificent glory of the coast redwoods together.

*Missing you always,
Noah*



Noah Pierce - December 08, 2022 at 06:26 PM

CP

“ *She was always kind and nice to me. Even though her son and I have been divorced for many years I was always included to family events. We would eat dinner together occasionally and I would stop over on Sat or Sun evenings on my way home from work. I will truly miss you. But she loved the Lord and missed her husband. So she is in a better place. Love you Corinne Pierce*

corinne pierce - January 03, 2022 at 01:46 PM

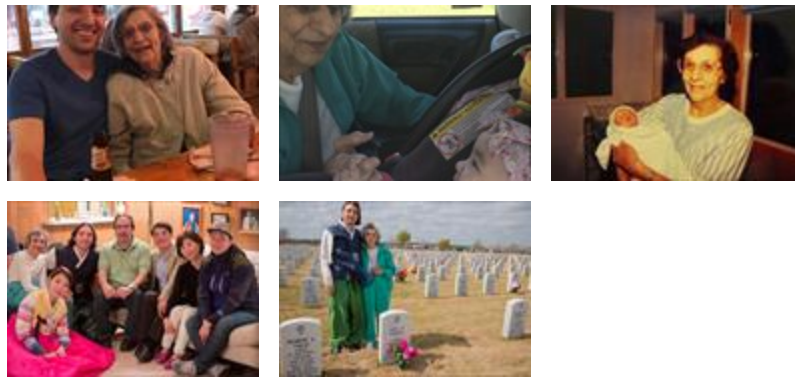
“ Dec. 7, 2021

For 99 years, 10 months, and 28 days the world was graced with the presence of an Angel. Dora Gloria Rodriguez Pierce was always worried about helping others but was ever optimistic. Orphaned at a young age, raised by her grandmother, and living through the great depression as a child old enough to remember the transformation from comfort to struggle, her advice in trying times was, “Do your best and don’t worry too much.” Her career was as a secretary for Joel Clyde Pierce, whom she married in June of 1945. They made for a consistent couple, both enjoying the simpler things in life, maintaining an organized abode, and not putting up with any disrespect from their children. Forever curious and studious, she enjoyed reading non-fiction, doing crossword puzzles, playing board and card games, and especially playing dominoes.

For me, personally her home was a sanctuary where I knew I could share anything, bring anyone, and experience the pure, warm glow of love through her sparkling eyes and sincere grin every time I visited. In sad times, like the birthday party I had where none of the classmates who RSVP’d showed up, she helped to make it a pleasant gathering with her positive spirit and enjoyed the day with me rather than looking down on me with pity. In happy times, she didn’t stop giving when everyone was satisfied but always followed through giving until the end. As a young child, there were countless times when she would fall asleep with me after reading “one more story!!” from James Herriot’s Treasury for Children until we had gone through half the book in one sitting. She was there for my graduations, band recitals, birthdays, holidays, and rainy days. Despite her penchant for an immaculate house, we would dump out my toy cars or LEGO in the middle of the floor and play make-believe together or use all the spare comforters and pillows in the house to turn the back bedroom into a fort. We made a special date of driving out of town to a less busy DMV to get my license on my 16th birthday and as such, her car was the first I officially drove as a licensed driver.

As I became an adult and moved far away, her bright beacon always brought me back to Texas to visit, occasionally making the 18-hour drive on a whim when an extra day or two holiday became available. She fully loved, supported, and accepted my wife, daughter, and in-laws as family, insisting on inviting them for a visit to her home on their first trip to Texas from Korea. I know I am absolutely blessed to have shared so many wonderful years and moments with her, but her passing is an eventuality that is painful beyond description. My only solace is to resolve to embody her best qualities and desires and try to have a fraction of the compassion and generosity she possessed.

*Love Always,
Noah A. Pierce*



Noah Anthony Pierce - December 30, 2021 at 12:32 AM

MR

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Mary L Zepeda Reyes - December 29, 2021 at 06:04 PM

CG

“ Mom was not only a wonderful woman, she was the best mother and friend a daughter could wish for. As her last child, I was the "surprise"-she and my Dad had settled in to raising my sister and brothers, and weren't expecting to basically start another family: She had me when she was 45 but, when I was growing up I never noticed that she was older than my friend's moms because she was so active and vibrant. She took me to all of my school functions and activities outside of school.

She loved to go to the movies when I was a teenager and would make comments throughout the show, much to my mortification, where everyone could hear! But we always had fun and I cherish those and all the adventures I had with Mom. Where ever she went she would make a friend, whether it was at the grocery store or during her travels. That was the way she was, always welcoming, vivacious, and thoughtful.

Even though she slowed down a bit in her later years, she was always young at heart and she kept up with the times throughout her life-a life well lived, and I will miss her dearly.

I love you Mom, your daughter, Carol

Carol Pierce Gonzales - December 29, 2021 at 02:24 PM

NP

She always did keep up with the times. Never batted an eye at tech improvements. How glad she must have been when cell phones replaced "the dinosaur!"

Noah A Pierce - January 02, 2022 at 07:20 PM

CF

“ Barbara and family, you have my sincere condolences. I know Dora was tired of being so fragile, and now she is undoubtedly in heaven with Clyde, Aunt Isabel, Grandma Rosa Grandpa Louis, and her parents. Mary and I miss her already.

Dora was one of the sweetest and happiest people that I have ever met. Our visits were always delightful and informative. We simply did not share enough time with her these last two years. Our cousin knew that we loved her deeply, so we take solace in that.

Love,
Cindy Z. Farmer

Cindy Z Farmer - December 29, 2021 at 03:03 AM

TF

“ The David Darneol's family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dora Gloria Pierce.



The David Darneol's family. - December 27, 2021 at 04:44 PM

JW

“ John D Wright purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dora Gloria Pierce.



John D Wright - December 27, 2021 at 11:16 AM

WF

“ William Powers and Family purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Dora Gloria Pierce.



William Powers and Family - December 23, 2021 at 01:50 PM

JP

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Joel D Pierce - December 15, 2021 at 11:31 PM

TM

Dora was the sweetest person. She was always so kind and loving. She always treated me with such love and often always offered me a home cooked meal each time I visited. Dora was a truly amazing woman and will be missed dearly.
Tracy

Tracy Morris - December 24, 2021 at 10:46 PM

MZ

Our most sincere and deepest sympathy to the Pierce family for the loss of our beloved cousin Dora R. Pierce. Dora will be greatly missed by all of us. She was a most loving, caring person and deeply devoted to her family. Cindy and I will especially miss sharing stories and pictures of many of our deceased family members that we did not get to know due to the age difference.

Mary Zepeda Reyes, Cindy Zepeda Farmer, Richard C. Zepeda and Louis Zepeda, Jr.

Mary L Z.Reyes - December 29, 2021 at 03:07 AM

JP

“ I was fortunate to have my Mom for 68 loving years, and what a great mom she was. she was there for us four children and Her five grandchildren 24/7, and never failed to deliver care, no matter how tired she was. As I reflect, I realize how difficult the task of being a great mom is. Many simply don't measure up. Of course we just thought her love and understanding was normal. We lacked for nothing, and I do believe that my mother , being an orphan, was going to make sure we had what she didn't. She was raised by a loving grandmother, and aunt. She was a secretary, during WW2, at Kelly AFB, and there is where she met Dad. After He returned from his Naval service, and returned they were married, and a few years later began their family. We children were 17 years apart, with grandchildren to follow, so there was a lot of mothering to do over the years. She loved her garden flowers, and to travel some, and was an avid reader. She kept her sharp mind until the very end of Her life's journey. She was a very kind person, and did much for many. She was surrounded by Her children, most grandchildren, and the spouses of her children, at Her home when Her mortal journey ended. She will be sorely missed, but will live on in our hearts. With Love, Her son David

Joel David Pierce - December 15, 2021 at 11:16 PM