



Albert Leon "Pete" Pierce

December 13, 1939 - December 30, 2020

At age 81, Pete Pierce of Dallas, Texas, passed away December 30th after a ten-day struggle with Covid. Born in Chicago, Illinois to Albert ("Al") and Helen Pierce, he grew up in the Dallas area. He spent summers visiting his maternal, fun-loving aunts and cousins in Terra Haute, Indiana. After attending Washington and Lee University, he went back to Dallas and graduated from SMU. In 1963, Pete followed his passion for flying and joined Delta Airlines, where he spent his entire professional flying career until retirement. While finishing at SMU, Pete met his life's love, Lee Ford. Before moving to Atlanta, Ga., to attend flight training school for Delta, they were married. In 1977 Pete established Pierce Properties, where he excelled as one of Dallas and the Park Cities well-known builders of quality and style. His houses will remain as signature homes for years to come. In his leisure time, he was an avid golfer and member of the Dallas Country Club. He enjoyed spending summers in Carmel, CA where he played the golf courses of Pebble Beach. Pete also, in Durango, CO, developed a skill for fly fishing for which he enjoyed with his sons and grandsons. In addition to the Dallas/Park Cities areas, Pete and Lee combined his building/remodeling talents with Lee's decorative skills to the homes they owned in California and Colorado. Pete was a passionate father and grandfather, extending the best of himself in his legacy to his children and grandchildren. The stories they tell about "Pa" will bring joy and laughter for years to come. He is survived by his wife, Lee Pierce, his children, John Pierce, and daughter-in-law Kendall of Rockwall, TX Annie Peek, and son-in-law Steve of Oxford, NC, and Stuart Pierce and fiancé Jessie Walker of Mesquite, TX. His Grandchildren, Winton Welsh, III and fiancé Megan Lyons, Sam Pierce, Stephen Pierce, Kate Pierce and Simon Pierce. His siblings, Nancy Pierce Francis of Amity, AR. and Max Pierce of Los Angeles, CA. His nephew, Don Pierce of Hurst, TX. and many beloved cousins. Pete's mother and father, Helen and Al Pierce, all of his adored aunts from Indiana, and his canine companions, Nick, Nora and Chloe, preceded his passing. He will be eternally loved and missed. Due to Covid, private services for immediate family will be held at Restland, Dallas, Texas. Instead of flowers, please send donations on his behalf to the ASPCA.

Cemetery

Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Avenue

Dallas, TX, 75243

Events

JAN **Graveside** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Restland Cemetery

Dallas, TX, US, 75243

Comments



“ I flew with Pete many times as a copilot on the 727 and 767. Of all the captains I flew with, he was hands down my favorite. I always said he was the King of Cool. The photo you have of him asleep in the cockpit, I took and sent him when he retired. I can't believe he is gone. I am so sorry for your loss, he was one of a kind.

Capt. Ben Camp
Delta retired

Ben M. Camp Jr. - January 11 at 01:01 PM



“ Hi Mr. Camp,

Thank you for your kind words. Dad LOVED being a pilot. All of us enjoyed the family trips we had and unique experiences we enjoyed as a family. When we get together we often share the memories we have had, so many laughs! Dad could be a character, he was really funny, mainly because he didn't know he was, which made us laugh even more. I would love to get another copy of that photo, even if just through email. My copy has a reflection across it due to me taking a picture of it with the glass on it. My email address is anniepeek@gmail.com.

Thank you again,
Annie

Annie - January 14 at 02:56 PM



“ Because of my job with Delta in crew scheduling here in DFW I worked and got to know and share many terrific memories with Pete, going to the Masters, staying at his house in Carmel, having he and Lee at my house for dinner and wine, playing golf and many many more. I send my deepest sympathy to Lee and all the family. May Pete rest with God as that is where he belongs.

RJ McClure

Delta crew sked dfw

Ret

RJ McClure - January 07 at 06:43 PM



“ Dear RJ,

Thank you for writing about Dad. He was also fun for us to be around him growing up. Because he was a pilot, I always cherished the times he spent at home, and would count the days when he would return from his trips. During the last couple of years, most days he was his old self but sometimes he would have days where he would exhibit an unusual dementia where he thought he was still flying planes. I usually talked to him a few times a week and then almost every day the last 3 months and we would be talking away and he would say, “Well, I have a flight to Atlanta, so I best get going!” I would say, “Have a nice flight!” Other times he would be so insistent that I would tell him that I had talked to you, and you told me that the flights were grounded due to Covid. Then I would say, you should be having dinner soon so just relax and enjoy your evening! It was funny because he called my older brother John and said, “How come Delta scheduling called Annie about my flight being cancelled, can they do that?” John would reply with, “Oh yes, RJ knows Annie and calls her if he can’t get you.” That seemed to satisfy him. So over the last couple of years, your name came up several times!

I miss him every day, and enjoy getting to talk about him. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Annie

Annie - January 14 at 03:25 PM



“ Flew as his copilot many times. What a great guy and fun to be with. Skip Getelman

Skip Getelman - January 07 at 06:15 PM



“ Dear Mr. Getelman,

I agree with you, he was fun. When I was little, I was severely scared to fly. He would take me places and during the flight he would sit next to me and explain every little noise, little bump, turbulence, everything. The thing I remember most was he said, “just watch the stewardess’, if they act scared or react abruptly, that is when you can worry.” Although I got over being scared to fly after a few flights with him explaining all those things again and again, I still use what he said about the the stewardess’ as a benchmark for a safe flight. Thank you for writing about my dad.

Sincerely,

Annie

Annie - January 14 at 03:37 PM



“ I can remember my mother Pete`s Aunt Marie Padish Doyle being so proud of Pete and his accomplishments in life and all the love and laughter when we would go and visit or when we all were in Indiana he was a wonderful person rest in piece.

Lorie Doyle Disinski - January 07 at 08:43 AM



“ Thank you Lorie. Dad was definitely my hero when I was a little girl and became my friend as an adult. I remember coming to visit you and your mom. I think I stayed the night. I was really young, four or five I think. I am glad I can still remember so far back! I am sad that we lost dad when we did because he had several years left in him. I am glad you have memories of him and yes, he is in heaven, smiling down on all of us.

Sincerely,

Annie

Annie - January 14 at 03:46 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time!



ginger martin - January 06 at 04:51 PM



“ Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Annie

Annie - January 14 at 03:38 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, prayers to your family!

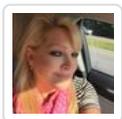


Ginger Martin - January 06 at 04:39 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss, and may he rest in peace. Knew Pete since high school. He will be greatly missed. Kathy Kucera Miller

Kathy Kucera Miller - January 05 at 08:05 AM



“ Thank you Kathy. I hope all is well with you.

Sincerely,

Annie

Annie - January 14 at 03:39 PM



“ Thank you all for your acknowledgement of my Dad’s passing through Facebook, texts, email, calls; your condolences mean the world to all of us. We are all still reeling from the shock of how quickly things changed from the security of feeling he has at least a few more good years to have that wiped away in an instant. We are glad dad made such an impression on so many. I have had so many friends of one of the three of us over the years that have told me a story of how my dad was like a dad to them, or a situation that he stepped in and helped out with something they didn’t think they would get through, where he offered his love and support. He was a quiet hero to many people throughout his life. Thank you all for sharing. I knew he could be difficult at times but he took great care of all of us and he had an endless amount of love for us and all of his grandchildren. When things quiet down and it is one of those lazy days that I would normally pick up the phone and call my dad, that is when it will hit me. He isn’t home, he is soaring the sky’s with the angels.

Love,

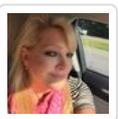
Annie

Annie Peek - January 04 at 07:56 PM



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Annie Peek - January 04 at 07:27 PM



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Annie Peek - January 04 at 07:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Albert Leon "Pete" Pierce.



January 04 at 05:15 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Albert Leon "Pete" Pierce.



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Annie Peek - January 04 at 01:22 AM



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