



William D Pierce

January 27, 1934 - October 30, 2009

William D. Pierce, age 75, of Highland, IL., died Friday, October 30, 2009, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born January 27, 1934, in Carlinville, IL., the son of Lloyd C. and Helen E. nee Davidson Pierce.

On November 13, 1965, married Peggy J. Bess, she passed away October 11, 2008.

Bill was born in Carlinville, IL and grew up in Greenville where he graduated for high school in 1952. He began working for the Illinois State Police on July 8, 1957 and was made Captain on November 30, 1982. He retired as the Deputy Superintendent of Field Operations December 31, 1985 with over 29 years of service.

He was appointed Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police in Highland, IL in early 1986 and served for some 12 years (3/17/86 - 5/2/98). He was named Interim Chief of Police for Collinsville, IL from 9/24/2003 to 6/25/2004 and returned to Highland and again served as Interim Chief of Police. He was appointed Interim City Manager of Highland in 2005 for six months.

He received the East-West Gateway Council of Governments' 2007 Lifetime Public Service Award in November of 2007.

He was the Parade Magazine Police Officer of the Year in the 1970's. He also

received the Bob Hardy Citizen of the Year Award from the Highland Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Highland Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellow Recipient, Highland Optimist Club, former President of the Highland Area Community Foundation, a 20 year member and Past President of the Highland Chamber of Commerce, and the list of memberships, awards, and accomplishments are endless.

He was a member of Evangelical United Church of Christ, Highland, IL.

Survivors include Daughter-Barbara A. (Danny) Tally of Highland, Ill., Son-Richard D. \"Rick\" (Cindy) Pierce of Glen Carbon, Ill., Brother-Robert F. (Sylvia) Pierce of Greenville, Ill., Grandchild-Brandon M. (Jill) Tally of Greenville, Ill., Grandchild-Brooke D. (Matt) Lewis of Highland, Ill., Grandchild-Nathan S. Pierce of Springfield, Ill., Grandchild-Jessica R. Pierce of Glen Carbon, Ill., G-Grandchild-Brodan M. Lewis of Highland, Ill., G-Grandchild-Brielle A. Lewis of Highland, Ill., Malta-Chon Dog-Ruby, Mother In-Law-Maxine E. Bess Camp (nee Mitchelle) of El Cajon, Calif., Brother-in-law-Leonard H. (Audrey) Bess of El Cajon, Calif., Sister In-law-Donna G. Frazier of Summersville, Mo., Sister In-law-Shirley Y. Ridenhour of Granite City, Ill., Sister In-law-Linda L. (Anthony) Vesci of Maryville, Ill., Sister In-law-Carol S. (John) Hasty of Highland, Ill., Brother In-law-Danny L. Bess of Carlinville, Ill., Sister In-law-Patricia A. (Randy) Lamb of Largo, Fla.

He was preceded in death by Father-Lloyd C. Pierce, Mother-Helen E. (nee Davidson) Pierce, Wife-Peggy Jean (nee Bess) Pierce (married 11/13/1965; died 10/11/2008); 1st wife Marilyn J. Pierce Hockett, nee Nau.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Ill.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of William D Pierce* ”



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - October 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM