



In Loving
Memory
of

Louise Pierce

Sunrise
April 30, 1931

Sunset
August 19, 2013

Service

Friday, August 30, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey



Obituary

Louise (Red, Ma Lou) Pierce was born near South Hill, VA a farming town near the border of Virginia and North Carolina. The youngest of 7 siblings born to Eddie Newell and Betty Boyd, She grew up in rural Virginia, and was as her nickname Red personified, a sparkfire, intelligent, tough as nails girl learning the southern ways of family, hard work and dedication at a young age while working her family's farm and helping to care for her brothers.

At age 17 she moved in with her estranged sister to Asbury Park, NJ where she found a different and rewarding environment. She decided to make a move to Essex County, NJ and called it home for the rest of her days.

She lived in East Orange, and Newark around the time of the jazz age scene in Newark. It was there she met her boyfriend then Private Walter Pierce. They were happily married in 1957. Mr. Walter Pierce passed 5 years later leaving her to raise 2 daughters, Rita and Anita on her own while taking odd jobs to make ends meet. One of those positions used her God given talent of taking care of family to help to housekeep for several affluent families in the area, never once complaining about her job. Another position she mused about was being a short order cook in the busy Downneck section of the Ironbound. She passed her love for good cooking and music to her daughters, and her granddaughters Devona and Amber L., keeping a tradition of birthdays and holidays alive with her own spin of recipes, witty banter, and love. She never shied away from those in need and whatever she had, she was willing to give selflessly to others. Sacrificing even down to her finery for another in need, or if someone was hungry she didn't budge from the kitchen without sharing some food. She was loving yet tough, even tough enough to quote the bible often to keep it in mind of her children and laid down the rules of how to govern your life though them.

She attended Bethsaida Baptist Church in Newark on Bloomfield Avenue. She proved how tough she could be by beating cancer once in 2000 and again in 2008. All the while taking care of her great grandson Rahmeen, when his mother was unable to fulfill the position. Louise lived a full life, yet was taken from us too soon.

She died on August 19, 2013 after complications from pneumonia put her in the hospital for two weeks.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey



Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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