



## Mr. James Ray Pierce

April 12, 1949 - March 7, 2014

Funeral services for Mr. James Ray Pierce, 64, of Gary, Texas will be 2:00 Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Aaron Bequette officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Mt. Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Saturday night at the funeral home. Mr. Pierce died March 7, 2014 in Shreveport, LA.

Mr. James Ray "Rock" Pierce was born April 12, 1949 in Cleveland, Texas to the marriage of James Arthur and Ethel Cleastie Luckey Pierce. He was raised in Gary, Texas graduating high school there with the class of 1967. He served his country through the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. James worked as a self made general carpenter in many types of construction. He was a member of Northside Christian Center, loved hunting, fishing and spending time in the outdoors. James is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Nancy Jane James; daughter, Darlene Pierce; and grandchildren, Justin Lane Pierce and Jessica Morgan Hall.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his daughter, Renee Pierce and Donald Hudman of Carthage; step daughter, Melissa Bequette and husband Aaron of Beckville; twin sister, Julie Pierce Sweeten of Texas City; brother, Melvin Pierce and wife Brenda of Humble; half sister, Mary Ann Ross and husband Bob of S. Cle Elum, WA; grandchildren, Cody Childers of Carthage, Dalton Hudman of Carthage, Sarah Hartsfield and husband Levi of Jackson, TN, and Andrew Bequette of Beckville; special friend, Lillian Wallace of Center; and his

favorites, Max, Mollie, Roscoe and his cat Rufus.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don Gage, Cody Childers, Michael Pierce, Brian James, Justin Sweeten, Joshua Altum, Andrew Bequette and Clint Sweeten.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Bethel Cemetery

3841 FM 999 W  
Gary, TX 75643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX

## Service

MAR 9. 2:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ James built our first home in Carthage. He was a sweet man. Renee Pierce is my cousin's (Wanda) daughter. My prayers are with you, Renee. May God comfort you and may you find peace in the many memories of your daddy.



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**Debra H.** - March 13, 2014 at 08:32 AM

MW

“ We have known James from way back when he was a small kid in cleveland , Texas . His family family lived by us on plum grove rd and his sister Nancy was my best friend until her death , in 2011. Our thought and prayers go out to Judy and Melvin and all the other family members.

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**melvin and Dorothy Whitmire** - March 12, 2014 at 09:06 AM



“ "I will never forget the fond memories of Uncle James. He was a one of the most fun people to be around. He was able to effortlessly make everyone else have a good time.  
Angie Mauldin

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**Angi Mauldin** - March 08, 2014 at 02:38 PM

KC

“ Our prayers and condolences go out to our brothers in arm's family. VFW 5620 mourns with you.

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**Keith Coleman** - March 08, 2014 at 10:36 AM

BM

“ JAMES LOVED TO SIT ON OUR PORCH ,HE COULD REALLY TELL SOME TALES. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH JAMES,HE REENTERED MY LIFE AND HELPED BUILD OUR HOUSE. HE COULD DO ANYTHING WITH "THOSE GIFTED HANDS "OF HIS. NOW ,HE IS LIFTING THEM FOR "OUR LORD,JESUS CHRIST IN HIS HEAVENLY HOME." REST IN PEACE OUR FRIEND. TED AND BETTY MELTON

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**betty katherine melton** - March 08, 2014 at 08:57 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Ray Pierce.



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March 07, 2014 at 09:25 PM