



## Mr. Tony Pierce

October 30, 1958 - August 10, 2017

Graveside funeral services for Mr. Tony Pierce, 58, of Beckville, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Restland Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Matt Comer officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorn's. Mr. Pierce died August 10, 2017 in Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Jim Anthony "Tony" Pierce was born October 30, 1958. He was the only son born to the marriage of Jim Edward and Hazel Jeanette Garvin Pierce. He was raised and schooled in Carthage graduating with the class of 1977. Tony would begin working construction and in offshore oil. He worked over 20 years for Texas Utilities and many years for the Panola County Sheriff's Dept. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunting, horses, bull riding and loved karate. He is preceded in death by his father and a daughter, Ashley Jeanette Pierce.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his mother, Hazel Pierce of Beckville, wife, Andrea Jones Pierce of Beckville and her children, Kayla Bordelon and Jacob Josiah Bordelon, Jade Carpenter and Blake Metcalf, aunt, Sarita Garvin of Round Rock, and her son Dax Garvin and husband Michael Cahill and their daughter, Emerson Rose; aunt, Almedia Gage and husband Tom of Longview and her two children, Pam Mihalhauser and husband Steve and their children, Alison Smith and husband Corey of Wylie, Brittany Ford and husband Ryan of Carthage, her second daughter, Janet Centers and husband Tal of Montgomery, and her children, Cole Centers and wife Jessica of Conroe, Codi Leggett and husband Aaron of The Woodlands, many other relatives and a

host of friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Restland Memorial Park Cemetery

2107 State Hwy 149  
Carthage, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 11.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Service

**AUG 12.** 10:00 AM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall



“ *Franceskay Acker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Pierce*



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**Franceskay Acker** - August 14, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *Tony and I go way back, our kids grew up together, and we often had to go to one another to track them down lol,. His step daughter, jade worked for me at TSC, I am saddened by this news and my heart breaks for all of his family. I never saw him in TSC that he wasn't smiling and happy.*

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**Barbara jo chambers floyd** - August 14, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ *Kim Henigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Pierce*



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**Kim Henigan** - August 12, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Debra Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Pierce*



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**Debra Hunter** - August 11, 2017 at 10:54 PM

Janet  
Davis

“ Janet Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony  
Pierce



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**Janet Davis** - August 11, 2017 at 10:49 PM

JD

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry  
to hear about Tony's death.  
With our love,  
Jerry and Pat (Edens) Dorman  
Isaiah 40:31



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**Jerry and Pat E Dorman** - August 11, 2017 at 09:22 PM

KB

“ I remember Tony when he worked for the  
Panola County Constables office. He was  
always nice guy. Kathy Brown



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**Kathy Brown** - August 11, 2017 at 07:41 PM

KM

“ I grew up down the road from Tony when his family lived south of town near the old Southside Baptist Church . His Mother was a very sweet lady , I was scared of Mr. Pierce as he was the biggest , meanest looking man I had ever seen ... until I got to know him . Tony and I spent time exploring the woods , playing basketball , football, just being kids . After we grew up, we worked together at Texas Utilities , became kinfolks by marriage , spending time at the ball games , shooting guns , sparring to hone our boxing skills ... it didn't take but a few of his jabs to teach one to keep your hands up and keep bobbing and weaving as you followed his #1 boxing rule : Always keep moving toward your opponent , no matter if your outmatched by size, skill, strength . It is a great rule to live one's life by . Tony was my not only my friend, he will always be my " Brother " .



*Kevin D. McAlister*

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**Kevin McAlister** - August 11, 2017 at 05:02 PM

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“ Ila Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Pierce



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**Ila Taylor** - August 11, 2017 at 03:44 PM

SR

“ *Sheree Ritter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Pierce*



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**Sheree Ritter** - August 11, 2017 at 07:55 AM

VS

“ *Valarie Soape lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Pierce*



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**Valarie Soape** - August 11, 2017 at 06:04 AM



“ *Elaine Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tony Pierce*



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**Elaine Ross** - August 11, 2017 at 05:22 AM

“ I remember being at Aunt Jeanette’s as a kid, a fairly young one. Whenever I stayed over I would always go exploring in a closets usually finding Tony’s old toys. While I was dragging things out and playing with them Aunt Jeanette would tell me about him and them as we played. There was this one toy, an electric metal football field that you could turn on it would “make plays” by vibrating the playboard. I loved that toy, to this day I don’t know why. Aunt Jeanette always liked to share stories of what Tony was like when he was my age, I wish I could remember some of them because her face would light up as she told me about him. I think I remember the expressions on her face and the loving way she spoke about him more than the actual stories.



The holidays are a special time for every family but I will always remember Christmas at Mamaw and Papaw’s. The whole family would come and go through the house and it was always quite a busy place. People constantly coming and going and it felt like the center of the universe to a kid. Mamaw was always in the kitchen, and Aunt Jeanette was almost always making a pie, caramel comes to mind, though I don’t think she made that one every year. Aunt Almedia was pretty consistent with making the divinity. Leaving the house always meant I’d have some presents as at the time I was the baby. It felt like the best place on earth.

Though Tony and I didn’t have a ton of one on one interaction we spent some time together out in nature. Tony loved being outdoors and in the world around him. Unfortunately the natural world didn’t love him nearly as much and he was allergic to almost everything. One year he and I set up a deer stand. As luck would have it, I never got a deer out of setting up that stand, but one unfortunate armadillo didn’t see the spring that year. I’m fairly certain that Tony did get a chance to head out a few times over the years, and as far as I know that stand is still there on the land, though I’m sure a bit worse for wear.



*May Tony find peace and love as he passes from this life to the next. We wish him well, and hope that he has a much deserved rest in the next life.*

*With love and fond remembrance,*

*Dax, Michael and Emerson.*

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**Dax Garvin** - August 10, 2017 at 08:21 PM