



## Janice M. Pierce

April 6, 1933 - August 17, 2024

On Saturday, August 17, 2024, Janice Munford Pierce was peacefully called from labor to reward.

Janice was the second of three children born on April 6, 1933 to Carrie and Burke Munford. Although she lost her father at an early age, Janice and her siblings never lacked for anything thanks to their grandparents, Thomas and Rosa Mason.

The importance of education was deeply instilled to everyone in the Munford household. With that said, Janice graduated Salutatorian of her class at Norfolk County High School in 1949, furthered her studies at Norfolk State then graduated 'high above the Appomattox' from Virginia State College with a degree in elementary education. While attending Virginia State, Janice was drawn to a group of phenomenal women whose focus was academic excellence and in 1952, she became a member of the Alpha Eta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Upon returning to Portsmouth after graduating, Janice joined the Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter where she served as President from 1962-1964.

June 1965, Janice married Christopher Columbus Pierce and to this union two beautiful daughters were born Natalae and Crystal.

Teaching was a passion for Janice and the love she had for her students showed starting with her early days at Southwestern Elementary in Chesapeake to Hodges Manor Elementary in Portsmouth to her last stop at Harry Hunt Junior High. After thirty-three years, Janice decided to retire and shift her focus to working in the church.

Early in life, Janice learned the importance of Jesus Christ and that we are to reverence Him as Lord and Savior. She grew up in Grove Baptist Church (Portsmouth) and served in many ministries. She taught Sunday School, VBS, sang in the Senior choir and served as the Sunday School pianist. Upon joining St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in 2002, Janice sang with the United Voices, played for the noon day bible study and served as chairperson for the Senior Missionary ministry.

Janice was predeceased by her parents, Carrie and Burke Munford; her brother, Burke Munford; her sister, Carolyn Munford Harris; her brother-in-law, John O. Harris, Sr and her nephew, J. Otis Harris, Jr. Remaining to cherish her memory and continue her legacy are daughters, Natalae Askew and Crystal Pierce-Lyon; grandson, Anthony Moody; granddaughter, Cara Pierce; nieces, great nieces, great nephew and a host of family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 23. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Wake Service

AUG 23. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Church Service

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AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
Portsmouth, VA 23702  
2714 frederick boulevard

# Tribute Wall

GH

“ *Gregory and Sherry Harrell lit a candle in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Gregory and Sherry Harrell** - August 25, 2024 at 07:52 PM

CA

“ *Natalae and Crystal. Our deepest condolences to you & family. May Almighty God receive your dear Mother in paradise and comfort you in her absence with the Blessings Peace and the treasured memories of her love for you, for family and for being an extraordinary Mother to be cherished for all times. Love to you all. From Cousin Charles and Family*



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**Charles (Pierce) Abdullah** - August 24, 2024 at 04:23 PM

CL

“ *Carla L lit a candle in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Carla L** - August 24, 2024 at 11:29 AM

KG

“ *Ms. Janice Pierce was the epitome of a mother and God fearing woman as she welcomed us all into her heart and family. She will forever be remembered as a surrogate mother to my family. May the Lord comfort Natalae, Crystal and family in their time of need.*

*The Gregory Family*

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**Keela Gregory** - August 23, 2024 at 07:56 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl Davis-Elliott lit a candle in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Cheryl Davis-Elliott** - August 23, 2024 at 04:09 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl Davis-Elliott sent a virtual gift in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Cheryl Davis-Elliott** - August 23, 2024 at 04:05 PM

DS

“ *Delphine Simmons sent a virtual gift in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Delphine Simmons** - August 23, 2024 at 12:17 PM

TF

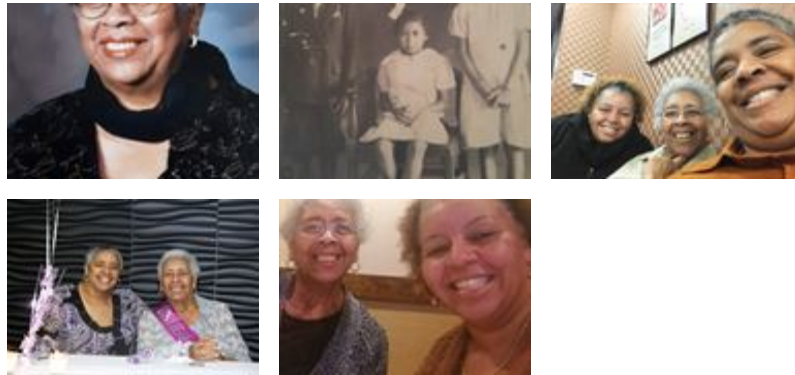
“ The Gregory Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Janice M. Pierce.



The Gregory Family - August 23, 2024 at 11:44 AM

JTF

“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - August 23, 2024 at 09:11 AM

DS

To Mrs. Janice M. Pierce, the family has my condolences and sorry for y'all loss. She was a very nice person. When I was 9 and 10yrs old she taught me in the 4 and 5th grade at Southwestern Elementary School in Chesapeake, Va. She was my Godmother, which no one knew but my mom and dad. She was a very close best friend to my mother(Dorothy Jones Bullock). Janice was a very nice person. She would always help me back in the days when I was in her class. I will surely miss her. I can say God has her. Take care family and be bless. My name is Delphine Speller Simmons, from West Norfolk. Continue to R.I.P.

Delphine Simmons - August 23, 2024 at 12:10 PM

NJ

“ Natalae, Crystal & family, Thank you for sharing your mother with us. Mrs Pierce impacted many lives with her love for God, children, community and education. She will surely be missed. "Let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:31. Love ❤️ Nathaniel & Shirley Jackson



Nathaniel & Shirley Jackson - August 23, 2024 at 07:49 AM

TH

“ Terry Hamlin purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janice M. Pierce.



Terry Hamlin - August 22, 2024 at 10:28 PM

TH

“ From: Terry Hamlin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice M. Pierce.

Terry Hamlin - August 22, 2024 at 10:28 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice M. Pierce.



August 22, 2024 at 12:45 PM

SS

“ *Syretha Copeland Wright & Students purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Janice M. Pierce.*



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**Syretha Copeland Wright & Students** - August 22, 2024 at 11:23 AM

MT

“ *Marilyn Thomas-Wahl lit a candle in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Marilyn Thomas-Wahl** - August 22, 2024 at 10:11 AM

AR

“ *Our deepest condolences to The Family*

*From Alejandro Reed*  
*And The Reed Family*

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**alejandro reed** - August 22, 2024 at 12:59 AM

JP

“ *Janice L Pierce lit a candle in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Janice L Pierce** - August 21, 2024 at 08:57 PM

JP

“ *Janice L Pierce lit a candle in memory of Janice Pierce*



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**Janice L Pierce** - August 21, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Janice M. Pierce.*



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August 21, 2024 at 11:16 AM

CF

“ *CSG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice M. Pierce.*

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**CSG Family** - August 21, 2024 at 11:16 AM

HB

“ *Heidi Byrum purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janice M. Pierce.*



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**Heidi Byrum** - August 21, 2024 at 09:25 AM

HB

“ Heidi Byrum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice M. Pierce.

Heidi Byrum - August 21, 2024 at 09:25 AM

CB

“ My Deepest Condolences and Sympathy to the Pierce Family, sorry for your loss. Carrie Baker(SMMBC)

Carrie Baker - August 21, 2024 at 12:49 AM

CB

“ Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Janice Pierce



Carrie Baker - August 21, 2024 at 12:46 AM

SB

“ Dear family and friends of Jancie Pierce I send my condolences to you. It saddened me to hear of your sweet mother's passing. My prayer is that God will carry you through in His loving arms, now and in days to come. Min. Bailey



Shirlene Bailey - August 20, 2024 at 04:27 PM

SB

“ Dear Natalie, Crystal and Family you have my sincerest condolences. May God comfort you all and give you peace.



Shirlene Bailey - August 20, 2024 at 04:20 PM

DD

“ Donna L. Dabney purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Janice M. Pierce.



Donna L. Dabney - August 20, 2024 at 01:36 PM

DD

“ Natalae & Crystal. My sincere condolences to you and the family. Mrs. Janice was a sweet lady with a big heart. Praying for your comfort and strength. Love you both!



Donna Dabney - August 20, 2024 at 01:25 PM