



## David William Pierson

January 6, 1949 - August 16, 2018

David William Pierson, 69, of Dublin, Ohio passed away August 16, 2018 at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio with his wife and daughter at his side.

Dave was born January 6, 1949 in Berea, Ohio and teased his wife that a sign had been erected there to commemorate the occasion. He was preceded in death by parents, William R. ("Bill") and Ruth M. (Bump) Pierson and granddaughter, Alex Violet Ackart. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Janet (Kempfer); daughter, Elizabeth "Liz" (Garrick) Ackart; grandsons, Eli and Liam Ackart of Columbus, OH; sister, Sue (Lynn) Elfner of Delaware, OH and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dave was interested in cars, airplanes, pecan pie and cookies (eating them) and sports. He enjoyed a variety of sports and played baseball (shortstop) for Westerville High School. He credited sports for teaching him teamwork, persistence and sportsmanship. He was a Cleveland Indians fan. A graduate of The Ohio State University, he was a fan of the Buckeyes, attending many baseball, football and basketball games, as well s some rugby, rowing, lacrosse and hockey events.

He was active in his church, community and fraternity. He served on church committees and volunteered for activities. Among his activities with North

Columbus Jaycees, he chaired one of their Whetstone Park Fourth of July fireworks celebrations, was involved in housing for senior citizens, worked at a haunted house and served as a president of their chapter. He was an Ohio Academy of Science's State Science Day volunteer. He participated in his Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity's programs and projects, including some as an alumnus. Valued friendships of long duration for both he and Janet have resulted.

Family was important to him and he loved them, including the family pets. Married to Janet 45.5 years, he was a loving and supportive best friend, confidante and travel companion. His extended family grew to include hers as well. He supported Elizabeth by insisting on academics and attending her events and sports activities, whenever possible. He welcomed son-in-law, Garrick, to the family, enjoying discussions and learning to follow the New York Giants (But was ever-hopeful that his Cleveland Browns would improve). Young grandsons Eli and Liam were the lights of his life and he loved them dearly, playing games and building with Lego blocks. Family also included beloved friends and neighbors and was ever-expanding.

Dave was one of the "good guys". His integrity and good name were important to him. He took responsibilities seriously and planned for the future and found it difficult to understand why others would choose not to do so. He was a true "softie" (he tried at time to disguise it) although he would express his displeasure and offer guidance, when warranted. He believed in working for what one wanted and taking care of what one had. Ever mindful that "the devil is in the details", he was able to think long-term and could sacrifice in the short-term for the greater good. Kind and considerate, he was a great sounding board for sorting ideas and addressing concerns. He could calmly and rationally discuss his opinions (preferring fact to generalities) and listen to those of others. And he loved to laugh, enjoying jokes, grandsons' antics, puns and "Piersonian wit" (Janet laughingly called it "half").

He was patient and usually slow to anger. His expectations were high and no less for himself than for anyone else. His patience was sorely tested by health issues in later years that caused discomfort and hampered his activity and occasionally necessitated hospitalization. He seldom complains, remaining realistic, but optimistic about his health. He and Janet appreciated the concern, expert care and laughter experienced with his physicians and other care providers. He managed to adapt and kept moving and engaged, assuming a new role as a resident representative and making friends in his new home at Friendship Village of Dublin.

The Central Ohio MG (Myasthenia Gravis) Support Group was a valuable resource. MG is an autoimmune neuromuscular disorder that causes varying weaknesses and fatigue of voluntary muscle groups. The people who struggle with MG are known as “snowflakes”, all different in how they are affected and in the therapies that may help them. The members of the support group were very welcoming and helpful in our MG experience, which is the reason we ask consideration that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., 355 Lexington Ave., 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017-66903.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

AUG **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## memorial service

AUG **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bethel International United Methodist Church  
1220 Bethel Rd.  
Columbus, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of David William Pierson*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - August 22, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ *David William Pierson*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Janet,*  
*Please know you have been in our thoughts and prayers after hearing of your loss from Jay. You and Dave have provided wonderful memories for our lives. One, would be attending OSU girl basketball games during the holidays. And, Dave could be counted on as a good sport as he demonstrated when I gave him a gift of lima beans. However, the lifelong memory is when you visited us at Lakeside and upon greeting you, at your car, seeing beautiful Elizabeth sleeping.*

*Know my prayers remain with you as you move forward meeting life demands without Dave. Love, Bill and Gatha*

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**gatha meadows** - August 28, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ I've only seen Dave twice since our fraternity days but both times he was the same person I remembered from long ago--polite, sincere and honest. Read in one of the remembrances he was "one of the good guys" and have to agree with that.

*Hard to say you will miss someone whom you've only seen a couple of times in years--but the world was definitely a better place with Dave in it.*

*My deepest sympathies to the family.*

*Mark Lippencott*

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**Mark Lippencott** - August 23, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David William Pierson.



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August 22, 2018 at 09:12 AM

AP

“ Janet, Our thoughts are with you as you navigate David's Passing. We know you and David through the MG support group. Because we live far from Columbus, we did not attend often but when we did, we enjoyed knowing David. He was quick to share travel stories with us.

*Death does not take place in isolation. Each one reverberates with memories. Janet, May you find strength in wonderful memories you and David shared.*

*David will be missed. He believed in the MG support group and optimistic about finding a cure.*

*Our best thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Our fond regards,*

*Anne and Rich Plodzien*

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**Anne & Rich Plodzien** - August 21, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David William Pierson.*



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August 21, 2018 at 10:22 AM

GS

“ Oh how we will miss seeing Dave at our tailgates, and especially on the 4th of July! I'm sad we didn't get in one more lunch at the Barnstormer:(. You were so correct in saying Dave was 'one of the good guys'. This world needs more of him but he will enjoy heaven and explaining the virtues of Mercedes to St. Pete. Peace to you Dave,  
Gay and Jerry Schueller

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**gay schueller** - August 20, 2018 at 11:52 PM

GS

“ Dave is/was a lifelong friend, a Fraternity Brother, a Boss, the Godfather to my son Gregory Louis Stockert, I feel he is setting up a tee time for many of us for the big course up above. I look forward to walking with him again.

*Gregory Atlee Stockert  
Pi Kappa Alpha - AP - Charter Member 1971  
The Ohio State University*

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**Gregory A Stockert** - August 20, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David William Pierson.



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August 20, 2018 at 09:22 PM

DW

“ *Dave and I met the Fall of 1968 when I & he attended Ohio State .We lived in the same Dorm together, Haverfield and joined a fraternity together,Pi Kappa Alpha and recolonized it at the Ohio State Campus.*

*He was such a nice,mild mannered guy with a radiant smile .*

*His passing hit me hard.*

*May he rest comfortably in peace and root for the Buckeyes on high especially when they play that “ Team from up North “ in November*

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**Dale Walters** - August 20, 2018 at 04:29 PM

JG

*My connection with Dave, and wife Janet, go back to our days as students at The Ohio State University....and our association with Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Janet was one of our Little Sisters. Dave also lived on the same floor of Haverfield House dormitory during our freshman year (1968-69). Always a welcoming and thoughtful friend, Dave was a fine example of the type of man that our fraternity strives to attract and develop.... A true S.L.A.G. , he was a good Student, a respected Leader, a competitive Athlete, and, without a doubt, a fine Gentleman..... Dave will be missed. Rest In Peace, in Phi, Phi, Kappa Alpha.*

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**John R Guroy** - August 21, 2018 at 02:50 AM

JK

*Janet,  
You and Elizabeth are in my thoughts and prayers. Mom and I will not be able to come to the visitation or the funeral as neither of us are confident about driving in or around Columbus. We will be praying for you  
Love, Jane*

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**Jane Kaufman** - August 21, 2018 at 11:31 AM

LH

*Our love and sympathy go to the entire Pierson family. What a great guy Dave was. Always enjoyed family gatherings when Dave was there. God's blessings to Janet and Elizabeth. Dave was the best!*

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**Larry & Jo Hall** - August 21, 2018 at 11:34 AM

KG

*Janet, I was very saddened hearing of Dave's passing, and am very sorry that I cannot attend his funeral services this weekend. You, Elizabeth, and your families have my sincerest thoughts and best wishes. He was a great friend, and will be sorely missed.*

*I will always fondly remember our vacations and fun times with you and Dave, which usually included softball games, picnics, family activities, Buckeye football bowl games, and water skiing vacations with the Spanglers. Our water skiing trip to the Lake of the Ozarks will be etched in my memory as one of the best and most hilarious times we all had together. Remember the "Honeymoon Suite" at the Five Star Resort you stayed in?*

*I look forward to seeing you soon to remember the great times we shared with you and Dave.*

*Kent Gearhart*

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**Kent Gearhart** - August 21, 2018 at 02:31 PM