



## Robert Pierce

August 28, 1925 - January 28, 2017

Robert S. Pierce, 91, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, January 28, 2017. He was born August 28, 1925 in Kansas City, Missouri. He spent most of his childhood in Columbus and graduated from Columbus North High School in 1943. He served our country in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Upon returning to Columbus, Bob and his brother George (Corky) co-founded Pierce Bros. Cleaners which opened on February 29, 1946. He married his loving wife, Winnie, on June 29, 1946. Bob and Winnie were blessed to have three children: Sue, Jimmy (deceased 1966 at age 16), and Diane. Bob was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and employer. As they raised their children, he was involved in their lives as a coach for their various sporting activities and in the PTA program at their schools. Bob loved traveling with his family and they went on many special trips together. Throughout his life, he was also an active golfer and bowler. He was a member of the Charity Newsies for over 50 years and was especially happy to serve those in need through the Newsies as they had clothed him when he was a young child in school. Bob was a very giving person and through the years was also involved in: Dry Cleaners Guild; Home Plate Club; Lions Club; York Lodge; Scottish Rite; and Aladdin Temple Shrine where he was active in numerous organizations. Years ago, he discovered that many of the residents at Wesley Glen Retirement Center had never seen a circus in person. He arranged for a bus to pick them up, got them the Shrine Circus, and took them to the circus. Bob was an avid sports fan and loved the

Ohio State Buckeyes. For many years, they had season tickets to both the football and basketball games. He loved attending the tailgates as well as the games. He was a member of Northwest U.M. Church for over 40 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Velma and Jack and Helene; and sister, Patty Hensley. He will be sorely missed by those who are surviving him: wife, Winnie; daughters, Sue Porter and Diane Pierce; son-in-law, Greg Porter; grandchildren, Philip Landauer, Christopher Landauer and Katie Porter; granddaughter-in-law, Liliana Landauer; great-grandchildren, Pierce and Paolo Landauer; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Thursday, February 2, 2017 at Northwest U.M. Church, 5200 Riverside Dr., Columbus, OH 43220 from 3-5 PM with service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's name may be made to Kobacker House, Charity Newsies or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Northwest United Methodist Church  
5200 Riverside Dr  
Columbus, OH 43220

## Service

FEB 2. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Pierce*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Mrs. Pierce, Diane and family,  
Sharon and I are so sorry to hear of Mr. Pierce's passing. He was  
an inspiration to me growing up, a kind and honorable man, whose  
dedication to family and community set a great example for all of us.  
Blessings to you all.  
Ned and Sharon Kirby.*

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**Ned Kirby** - February 11, 2017 at 04:09 AM



“ *Bob was a wonderful Shrine Band Member helping to set up and  
take care of music. Always there to help! Bob told of Winnie walking  
in church and thought she had his hand and when she looked, to  
her surprise, it was Jim Tressel. Bob also helped to get our jackets  
that we wear in Shrine Band. We will sure miss him. Nelson Foucht*

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**Nelson Foucht** - February 01, 2017 at 10:33 AM

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“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU, Robert for your service in WWII. The USA would NOT be as it is today. I treasure the freedoms for which YOU fought..... And Semper Fi.



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**Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC** - February 01, 2017 at 04:26 AM

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“ To Winnie and family, I am very sad to have learned of Bob's death. At Home Plate Club we spent a lot of time playing euchre and attempting to solve the problems in the world. Our relationship extended in to the business world where Bob and Corky became business clients and Diane continued the relationship. My favorite times with Bob were at Newsie meetings and he would indicate that he knew fewer people as we grew in membership numbers. The one constant is that during my time as Drive Chairman and President of the Charity Newsies I could always count on Bob to be there for his support and I am forever grateful. He never forgot the help he was given as a child. I am asking that you please send me a memory card since I am unable to be with you at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Bart Mahoney  
2105-B Richardson Rd.  
Camden, SC 29020*

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**Bart Mahoney** - January 31, 2017 at 03:32 PM