



## Joan J. Pierce

February 3, 1941 - December 19, 2022

Joan J. Pierce, age 81, of Bourbonnais passed away Monday, December 19, 2022 at Riverside Miller Healthcare in Kankakee. She was born February 3, 1941 in Kankakee, the daughter of John & Martha (Rantz) Webster. Joan married Donald J. Pierce on August 5, 1961 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on January 14, 2018.

Joan's first employer was Armour Pharmaceutical. She ran a daycare out of her home for almost 40 years. She served 20 years as Bourbonnais Township Clerk, a four term, 16-year member of the BBCHS Board, and over 25 years as the Bourbonnais Village Plan Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals board member. She retired from the Planning Commission and was honored by the mayor and the Board in June of 2018. Joan was a Democratic Party Precinct Committee person for over 40 years and was a longtime member of the League of Women Voters. In 2016, she was honored as Senior Citizen of the year by the Daily Journal. Joan enjoyed cake decorating. Joan had also been a den mother for the Bourbonnais Cub Scout Pack 324

She was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley and served on the Art & Environment Committee and was a former member of the Parish Council.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry & Becky Pierce of League City, TX and Tim & Danielle Pierce of Bonfield; one daughter and son-in-law, Sheila & Pat Martin of Manteno; one brother and sister-in-law, Bruce & Marcia Webster of Fallbrook, CA; eight grandchildren, Marissa Martin, Dr.

Moira Martin, Cory Martin, Catherine Pierce, Maddie Pierce, Katelyn Pierce (Tony Nutall), Darian Pierce (Kyuss Allison), and Jordan Pierce; four great-grandchildren, Alaina Nutall, Jax Nutall, Kameron Allison, and Gracelynn Allison; three nephews, Bob (Lesa) Pierce, Jack (Linda) Pierce, and Ryan (Rachel) Webster; and one niece, Lindsey (Kris) McAlavey. In addition to her husband, Donald J. Pierce, Joan is preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Interment will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley, the Kankakee County Democrat Party, or Uplifted Care.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Mass

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
211 N. Center Street  
Bradley, IL 60915  
(815) 939-3573  
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ *My deepest and sincere condolences. Joan was a wonderful person and I enjoyed all of my interactions with her from serving on the school board to our 20 years working together at the Twp.. She was the best. My apology for not being there but leaving for AZ.* ”

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**Lonnie Kolwelter** - December 27, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift was purchased for the family of Joan J. Pierce.* ”



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December 27, 2022 at 12:10 PM

JW

“ *Such a sweet, kind, generous person. Joan and Don were selfless volunteers and mentors to me and so many others. They were dedicated to each other and their family. We miss you! Barb & John Willard* ”

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**John A Willard** - December 24, 2022 at 08:55 PM

GA

“ *I can remember when they were celebrating an anniversary I happen to do the readings for that at church and went for breakfresr after church Gert Auberry* ”

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**Gertrude Auberry** - December 23, 2022 at 01:34 PM

KR

“ Sending hugs and prayers to Joan's family. She baked cakes for my kids birthdays when they were little. She was always very kind to my kids when they delivered newspapers. Very nice lady who will be missed.

Kathleen Roy - December 23, 2022 at 09:35 AM

RM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Sheila and the family. Sheila, your mother sounds like an amazing person. Now I know where your strength came from. It will be a huge loss to the community with her passing. God has gained a fierce warrior angel by his side. You and your family are in our prayers.

Rose & Gary Mitchell - December 22, 2022 at 08:36 PM



“ Our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers ... we knew and admired Joan and Don for several decades ... God bless 🙏  
Jim and Caryl Foy

Caryl Wadley-Foy - December 22, 2022 at 07:54 PM

PA

“ So sorry for your loss. I admired and respected Aunt Joanie. My deepest sympathy to your family.



Pat - December 22, 2022 at 12:32 PM

TE

“ *Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Joan J. Pierce*



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**Tim and Connie Eaker** - December 22, 2022 at 11:42 AM

KB

“ *Sorry to hear this. She babysat me and was a neighbor. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

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**Karla Bonewell-Butler** - December 22, 2022 at 09:49 AM

JD

“ *My condolences to Joanie's family. I was blessed to have her to care for my son for many years. She provided such a safe, fun and loving environment. My son has many fond memories of getting to pick his birthday cake. Her creativity shown through her ability to create whatever theme he requested. She was truly a beautiful person and I am forever grateful for her.*

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**julie Denault** - December 22, 2022 at 08:15 AM

JA

“ *My condolences to Joan's family. I'm very sorry to see of her passing, such a sweet lady.*

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**Juli Altmyer** - December 22, 2022 at 12:10 AM

JN

“ We were deeply saddened to learn of Joanie’s passing. An beautiful person, deeply committed to her family and community. She had an infectious laugh that showed her warmth and compassion about everything around her.

We were honored to have Joanie prepare our wedding cake in 1996.

Our thoughts are with the family during this time of sorrow. May God Bless her eternally.

*Phil and Becky Novak*

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**john Philip Novak** - December 21, 2022 at 09:18 PM

JE

“ I’m sorry for you loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and her family.

*Julie Ponikvar Ebersole*

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**Julie Ponikvar Ebersole** - December 21, 2022 at 04:17 PM

NP

*Deeply saddened by your loss.  
Thinking and praying for your family.*

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**Nanci Perez** - December 21, 2022 at 09:39 PM

MR

*she will be so missed, one of the loveliest ladies we have ever known and Wally, her uncle, adored her, she enhanced so many lives, we were fortunate to know her  
Marilyn and Wally Rantz*

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**marilyn rantz** - December 27, 2022 at 12:05 PM