



Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.

March 27, 1936 - September 9, 2014

Eddie (Joe) Ray Pierce, Sr. went home to be with the Lord on September 6, 2014. He was born March 27, 1936 in Trimble, Tennessee to the union of Henry and Madge Pierce, whom both preceded him in death.

Everyone knew him as "Joe" or "Cripple Joe". He accepted Christ into his life at an early age. He attended Bruce High School in Dyersburg, Tennessee. After high school, Joe spent time in New York and Marion, Indiana. He then made his home in Kalamazoo, Michigan where he worked several jobs such as at Goodwill and the Animal Research Center.

Joe was united in matrimony to Ruth Swift (ex-wife) and had a daughter, Michelle Pierce, who preceded him in death. He had one stepson, Bobby Ray Swift. He later went on to marry Rose and to this union had one son, Eddie Ray ("Ed") Pierce Jr. of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Everyone that knew him, knew Joe was a man that lived life to the fullest. He was a man of fun and laughter--always with a story to tell and knew how to keep a smile on your face. He loved the Blues and couldn't get enough of it. He would listen the blues anytime, day or night.

He leaves to share cherished memories in the hearts of: his son, Eddie Pierce Jr.; his siblings, Marshall (M.L.) Pierce of St. Louis, MO and Polly Robinson of

Milwaukee, Wisconsin; special friends, Rose Johnson and Claudia Barbee; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Joe had a good spirit and knew how to bring your spirit up. His friends were like family to him. Joe will be missed by all whose lives he touched. His memories will forever live on.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.



Harper Funeral Home - September 18, 2014 at 10:16 PM



“ Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Glenda Gail McKinley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.



Glenda Gail McKinley - September 18, 2014 at 09:59 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.*



Pauline Gardner - September 18, 2014 at 04:03 PM

MF

“ *Murray Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.*



Murray Family - September 18, 2014 at 02:11 PM

FB

“ *Frank And Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.*



Frank and Helen Brooks - September 17, 2014 at 09:56 PM

DB

“ *Donald & Ruby Barbee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.*



Donald & Ruby Barbee - September 17, 2014 at 05:49 PM

LH

“ *Larry Heard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.*



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SW

“ *Sonia Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.*



Sonia Wilkerson - September 17, 2014 at 09:39 AM

RM

“ *Our condolences go to Eddie's family and little Eddie. We shared so many fun and loving memories with Eddie and our family will truly miss him. We will always remember him. We love you Joe!*

Roslynn mann - September 17, 2014 at 05:08 AM

MF

“ *Marlon & Roslynn Mann And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Eddie R. Pierce Sr.*



Marlon & Roslynn Mann and family - September 17, 2014 at 04:59 AM