



## John William Pierce

August 21, 1938 - April 6, 2025

John William Pierce, age 86, of Henderson, KY, passed away Sunday evening, April 6, 2025, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

John was a Methodist Hospital and Ellis Park racetrack counselor for several years. He was a quiet man but left a great impression on many people through his life of service, kindness, and guidance. He was a huge U of E basketball fan and held season tickets. John's love for his family was unparalleled, and he cherished every moment with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed his pets, Cooper and Paul, who were a source of joy in his life.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lorean Pierce, and his wife, Judith Pierce.

John is survived by his daughter Lisa Garrett (Jim) of Henderson, KY; son David Pierce of San Diego, CA; five grandchildren: Sara Monroe (DeMarco), Hannah Williams (Curtis), Olivia Pierce, Matthew Pierce, and Jamie Needs; and five great-grandchildren: Elaine Monroe, Eleanor Monroe, Ellison Monroe, Garrett Williams, and Judith Hagan.

Relatives and friends are invited to join us in celebrating John's Life from 3:00

until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and from 8:30 a.m. until the service time on Thursday at Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home in Henderson, KY. The funeral service, a celebration of John's life, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at the funeral home, with Mark Weaver officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmont Cemetery in Henderson, KY.

Expressions of sympathy may be contributions to Henderson Christian Community Outreach located at 509 5th Street in Henderson.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for the love and support they have received during this difficult time. Arrangements are entrusted to Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home. Please visit [www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com](http://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com) to share memories and words of comfort with John's family.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmont Cemetery

Henderson  
KY 42420

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

APR **9**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
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## Life Celebration

APR **10**. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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APR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Thank you John for your wisdom, kindness, and compassion. Part of you, to the best of my ability , lives on through me.

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**John L.** - April 12, 2025 at 05:30 PM

BH

“ I have nothing but positive memories of John. While I did not know him for long, I immediately felt he was someone solid. He did everything he could to make the world, and his family, better. He will be remembered and missed.

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**Betsy Henderson** - April 09, 2025 at 08:58 PM

SB

“ I met John over 26 years ago when I joined the family. He's been a father in law and friend to me for a long time. He and Judith meant the world to me. My husband Barry became his friend along the way. Most importantly, Big John became Grandnanny to all of my family. He will be missed.

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**Sandra Needs Brown** - April 09, 2025 at 08:26 PM

RB

“ Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers. John was a gem! I met him working with Judith. Their wedding was one to remember as Judith had a step stool handy for the kiss. He loved to go to Sam's, and various stores, and was always picking up something for us, bringing us treats, or sharing corn and veggies annually. He enjoyed and appreciated every day. He loved his grandchildren dearly, and he and Judith were so proud of their every milestone. I later found he and my Dad were friends and spent quite a bit of time together in their younger days, good and bad, and he was there to see my Dad when he was dying. John had an amazing sense of humor. I am thankful for his friendship.

Robin Workins Bailey - April 09, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DH

“ Sara & family, you are in our thoughts & prayers.

Danielle Henderson - April 09, 2025 at 05:01 PM

DG

“ Sarah and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.  
Grandparents are so important to our lives, gratefully their footprints stay with us forever. God bless.

Doris & Paul Goodman - April 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM

YF

“ Your Big Rivers HR Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of John William Pierce.



Your Big Rivers HR Family - April 08, 2025 at 08:56 PM

JW

“ I met “Big John“ almost 16 years ago. He was a friend of a friend. He was there to help me. We made contact on the phone before I met him and he said... You won't miss me. I'm the tallest person in the room. The meeting was at 8 AM. I questioned that. John told me it was the place to be and I trusted him. John became one of my dearest friends. We maintained phone contact one to two times per week for the past 16 years. He is a treasure. He carried me through hard times and laughed with me during good times. We shared inside jokes and our friendship felt like home. We sat in Rural King parking lot having burgers from Mr. D's a couple years back. I sat with him a time or two at Encompass most recently. (I felt sneaky... Bringing in that hamburger as he told me that the food was like cardboard.lol) Sometimes, our calls were brief. Throughout my father's illness, he encouraged me. He reminded me to practice emotional self-care. I was driving across town just last night and impulsively picked up my phone to call him.

Big John & I did not always see eye to eye on politics and religion and that was OK. We agreed to disagree. He was one of a kind! He is part of my foundation. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is happy, joyous, & free today!!

“Love you, Big John. The check's in the mail” I searched for this picture on my Facebook post. It is Nov 11, 2017 at Cracker Barrel. It was captioned... “If you only get one true friend in this lifetime, may it be a friend like mine, Big John.”



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**Jennifer Williams** - April 08, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John William Pierce.

April 08, 2025 at 04:26 PM



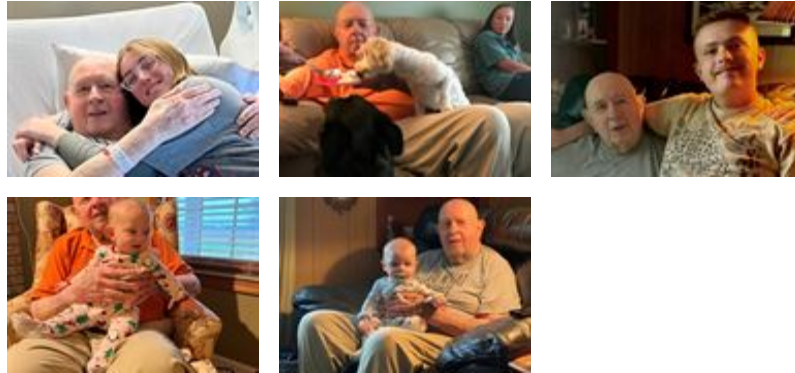
“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John William Pierce.



April 08, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Benton-Glunt Funeral Home** - April 08, 2025 at 04:13 PM