



## Josephine Pierce

September 9, 1925 - August 13, 2013

Josephine Elizabeth Pierce, was a devoted mother, daughter, sister, Christian, and employee. Josephine went home to our God and Savior on August 13, 2013 at Vidant Hospital after a long and difficult fight.

She was married twice; first to Reginald James. This union produced two fine sons; Reginald Dwight James, Jr. and William Christopher James, both of Ahoskie, NC. The second union with James Archer produced one daughter; Robin Lena Archer of Indianapolis, IN.

Josephine was born on September 9, 1925 and was the first of the fifteen children born to William and Lessie Pierce. She was devoted to God and family and always attempted to set an example for others. She had a passion for reading and education and believed in holding on to family history and memories. Due to health issues, Josephine spent her later years at Kindred Care and Rehabilitation. She participated in arts, crafts, and reading that she so loved.

Josephine's life started in the Newsome Grove Baptist Church. It was here that she served as a teacher of the third Sunday School Class, Vice President of the Missionary Circle, later as President of the Missionary circle and Church Clerk. She attended school at the Robert L. Vann School and later received a certificate from the Roanoke-Chowan Technical Institute in Arts and Crafts.

She was employed by Roses in 1965, first as a salesperson. As time progressed, she was promoted to the position of Division Manager and then that of Ordering Specialist. Her career came to an end in 1987 when she was taken seriously ill. Even though chances for a complete recovery were slim Josephine proved that she was a fighter and survivor. She overcame this illness much to everyone's surprise. She was able to return to work but only on a part-time basis.

Her accomplishments in her career include Recognition for Good Citizenship, five Division Manger Awards, and District Division Manager Winner. Awards that Josephine should have received but were not available was that of always being there when someone needed her, whatever was asked of her, being an outstanding daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt.

Josephine is survived by two children, Dwight James and Robin Archer. Her sisters - Gerlean Beverly of Philadelphia, PA, Vernell Alston of Franklinton, NC, Lucinda Holloman of Fair Oaks, CA, Janice Jones of Lovettesville, VA and Alma Wright of Edison, NJ. One grandson, Daryl James of Georgia, two daughters-in-law: Beryl James and Ella Mae Hillard both of Ahoskie, NC; two granddaughters, Josephine Jenkins of Ahoskie, NC and Katherine Freeman of Raleigh, NC; eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Josephine will be greatly missed, always loved and forever in our hearts.

# Previous Events

## Funeral

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Reynolds Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Pierce*

January 28, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ *Dear Dwight, Robin and Family,  
While we are not able to be with you in person during this time, we are with you now in spirit. We love you and are praying for you.*

*Know that we deeply loved your mother and our Aunt Joe. We know God has her resting in his arms now and forever more.*

*With love,  
Lisa, Phyllis and Alvin Jr. - family of the late Alvin Pierce, Sr.*

**Phyllis Robinson** - August 16, 2013 at 11:08 AM



*Blessings to the Pierce Family:*

*I am at a loss for adequate words to express my condolences to you all. I had the blessed opportunity of meeting and then getting to know your mom as her CNA (caregiver) through Carolina Home Care some years ago. I can honestly say and I know heaven just received one of the most special angels into those Pearly Gates. Mrs. Joe was one of the humblest, kindest, and lovable person I have ever met. Being in her presence during that time, I learned how to respect people more and show love and express empathy as Mrs. Joe did to everyone she encountered. I am very, very sorry for your loss...your mom was a beautiful woman inside and out.*

*In God's Love,  
Aretha Williams (Britt)*

**Aretha Williams** - August 17, 2013 at 08:52 AM