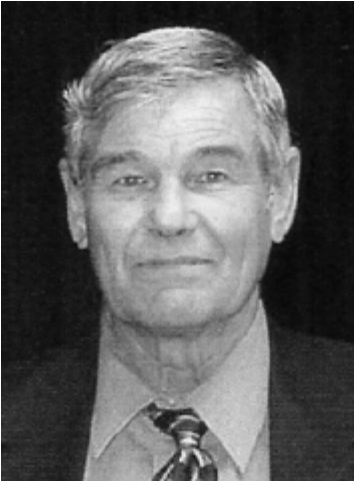


EDWARD METCALF PIERCE



Edward Metcalf Pierce, 67, of Paradise, Texas died September 7, 2007 due to complications of cardiovascular disease. The eldest son of Edward Jarvis Pierce, deceased, and Florabelle Metcalf Pierce of Dallas, Ed was born in Shreveport, Louisiana on June 30, 1940. His army engineer father was transferred six months later to Texas where Ed lived his entire life as a Texan.

Ed Pierce graduated from Midland High School in 1958 and Texas Tech in 1963 majoring in Business Management. He played high school and college baseball, scratch golf and was a sports enthusiast all of his life. He especially was proud to see his sons and grandsons excel at competitive sports, and his daughters and granddaughters ride horses or perform on the dance stage or drill team field. Joining Bridgeport Country Club gave Ed great pleasure as a golfer and his little canine

companion, Bandit, was his number one golf cart rider on practice days.

Ed married Jan Payne from Richardson their senior year in college and they were married forty-five years. Ed worked forty years as a salesman in the membrane lining business in the greater Houston area. Ed and Jan raised four children in the Conroe-Spring area where Jan taught school and swimming. After Ed retired, the couple built their dream home on ancestral land in Paradise, agreeing that they had moved "halfway to Heaven." Ed requested that he never have to manage or clean another pool as long as he lived. Abiding by his wishes, Jan began the swimming program at Bridgeport and Ed spent happy days playing golf.

Besides his surviving spouse, the Pierce children include daughter Edith Erin Pierce Webber and son-in-law Brian Webber, grandsons Hudson, Matthew, and Cody of Paradise; daughter Doreen Levin Laurie, son-in-law Lawrence Laurie, grandson Justin and granddaughter Carlynn of Katy; son Chad Edward Pierce and daughter-in-law Lori, granddaughters Madison and Rylee of Magnolia; and son Derek Daniel Pierce and fiancée Andraya Bason of Austin.

Ed's surviving brothers are Albert S. Pierce of Kerrville and wife Carol, niece Genevieve Pierce and nephew Travis Pierce of Austin; and David J. Pierce, niece Adrienne Pierce and nephew Adam Pierce of Dallas.

Ed attended First Baptist Church of Paradise with his wife Jan. Their pastor Matt Edwards ministered to both towards the end of Ed's life and conducted his graveside services. As a child, Ed professed faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized into the family of God. The work that Christ began in Ed's life will be completed in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations sent to East Mound Historic Cemetery Association where generations of their families began a good work and finished life in Wise County.

For I am confident of this very thing that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)

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