



Douglas Andrew Pierce

May 15, 1959 - May 5, 2021

Douglas Andrew Pierce passed away peacefully at home, in his sleep, on May 5, 2021. He will join his father-in-law, John Vasek, for a round of golf, and see his mom, Martha Pierce, once again. But in this world, Doug will be missed by his family, friends, and co-workers.

While at Liverpool High School, he was part of the marching band and the swim team. At Binghamton University, as an English major, he met his wife in an English class. After graduation, Doug played guitar and sometimes trombone (although that last one was mostly to scare the cats). He was an artist who also loved to write, and he wrote several manuscripts before his passing.

Remember when the newspaper arrived seven days a week, one in the morning and one in the evening? Doug sure did. He worked for 32 years as a mailroom manager for The Post-Standard in Syracuse. If you received your morning paper on time, thank Doug and his hard working crew.

Doug was also a student, and an occasional instructor, at CNY Karate and Kobudo Schools. The dojo was one of his favorite places, not just for the lessons, but also for the community! He loved it there, so much, that he asked to be cremated in his best uniform. His wishes were honored. Doug was a 4th degree Black belt.

Doug enjoyed camping, the real kind, with a tent in the woods, and his family was right there with him. Doug loved to kayak, go for a run, and spend a lot of time outdoors. His favorite vacation spot was the beach.

Doug is survived by Marie Vasek, his wife of 39 years, and his two daughters, Jennifer Wardwell and Margaret Pierce. He is also survived by his father, Ross Pierce, his sister, Pat Zimmermann, and his brothers, Bruce and Ian Pierce.

In lieu of flowers, Doug would appreciate a contribution to: the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Hospice of CNY, or the St. Joseph's Health Foundation.

And If you would like to honor Doug's memory in your daily life, try one (or more) of the following:

- Have a beer
- Have a beer on the beach (advanced)
- Try some new food
- Sit in nature and sketch
- Refuse to buy a new snowblower for 20 years
- Take Swing dance lessons
- Go for a run
- Pretend you don't like cats (but secretly you do)
- Write a story
- Draw caricatures
- Wear a silly hat
- Wear something that isn't really a hat as a hat (advanced)
- Try some expensive scotch or some really cheap wine
- Make silly faces in as many photos as possible
- Go to Italy (he always wanted to)
- Make up names for flowers

Dad liked to have fun, so even if you didn't know him, join in! Have a beer. Tell them Doug sent you.

Family and friends may call on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 4 to 6 p.m. immediately followed by a funeral service at 6 p.m. at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Road (corner of Buckley Road) in North Syracuse. To attend the service remotely on Monday at 6 p.m., please use the link on Doug's tribute page at tjpfuneralhome.com.

Events

MAY **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse, NY, US, 13212

MAY **Funeral Service** 06:00PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - May 10, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ I never met Doug but my daughter sent me his For a Grand Life philosophy and I greatly appreciate his love and humor. Your words paint a picture of a life well lived and a man who is loved and has touch so many. Peace and love to all of Doug's family and friends.

Deborah - May 11, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ Agree 100%. Never met Doug but after reading this, I wish I had! I'll look at things much differently and with much more fun after reading this. Godspeed Doug. Our prayers and thanks to all of beloved Doug's family and friends.

Mark - May 13, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ I worked under Doug at the post standard - He was a great manager; My deepest sympathies to his family

laurie whittico - May 13, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Doug shared a love for Southwick Beach, he was the bravest man I have ever met. At work our paths often crossed, usually if there was a system problem. He took whatever issues arouse in his stride, found a way to resolve the problem and was consistently a gentlemen. Thank you Doug, Kathy Rood

Kathy Rood - May 21, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ Thomas & Mary Helen Tartaro lit a candle in memory of Douglas Andrew Pierce



Thomas & Mary Helen Tartaro - May 13, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ Deepest regrets to Margaret and Family. I miss friendly chats with Mr. Pierce (Doug) at the Liverpool Dojo. Mr. McCabe.

Hugh McCabe - May 13, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ I send my prayers to you and your family. I got to know Doug later in his life but enjoyed our talks

Chris Scalzo - May 12, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Doug for many years and have always had the greatest respect and admiration for him. I appreciated his direct and no-nonsense approach to the challenges that come with the job, and he exemplified integrity and compassion in everything he did. He was a true gentleman, and will be remembered fondly by so many.

My sincere condolences to the family he loved so well. Cherish the memories,
Kate McElroy



Kate McElroy - May 11, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ I worked with Doug for 8 years, and he was one of the most hard working men that I have ever met. I can still remember his smile, and that sense of humor. I can remember what his laugh sounded like too. Deepest sympathy to his family. He always spoke so highly of all of you. You're at peace now, my friend. Fly free.

Holly Page

Holly Page - May 11, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Our Thoughts and Prayers to your family Doug.. Thank you for giving me the opportunity not only to have worked for you but, along side you too. You shall be missed.

C.Gilson - May 11, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ I was lucky enough to work under Doug for over 20 years. Never have I, nor shall I ever meet another man such as Doug. My prayers to Doug and family.

Scott Chesbro

Scott Chesbro - May 10, 2021 at 11:24 PM



“ We will miss you cousin Doug. A donation has been made in your memory to The Cancer Institute in support of pancreatic cancer research. -- Glenn Pierce & family

Glenn Pierce - May 10, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ Sending love to Doug's family and friends from Portland, Oregon.

Elizabeth and Diego Ponce - May 10, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn of Doug's passing. Our sympathies to his family. As that obituary shows, Doug was loved and admired.
-- Stan Linhorst

Stan Linhorst - May 10, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ Eunice Dean Williams lit a candle in memory of Douglas Andrew Pierce



Eunice Dean Williams - May 10, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ With Sympathy, Doug's Advance Local Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Douglas Andrew Pierce.



With Sympathy, Doug's Advance Local Family - May 10, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ I sipped some Scotch and smoked a cigar in your honor, but sadly didn't have anyone to play chess with. Going to miss you, Doug.

Mark Conca



Mark Conca - May 10, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ Rhonda Chester lit a candle in memory of Douglas Andrew Pierce



Rhonda Chester - May 09, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ To Doug's family,
I am sorry to hear of Doug's passing. I worked under and with Doug for many years at the newspaper. He was one of the bright spots in the mailroom, almost always the one to calm a situation. Prayers...

Corey Brais

Corey Brais - May 09, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Pierce family. I will always cherish the times I was able to train in karate with Mr. Pierce. He will be missed.

Paul Chapin

Mr. Chapin - May 08, 2021 at 06:53 AM



“ Mr. Chapin lit a candle in memory of Douglas Andrew Pierce



Mr. Chapin - May 08, 2021 at 06:50 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas Andrew Pierce.



May 08, 2021 at 06:11 AM