



## William Welsh "Pierre" Pierce Jr

May 25, 1935 - November 26, 2018

William Welsh Pierce, Jr. "Pierre" was born on May 25, 1935, in Chicago, IL to W.W. Pierce and Glendola Reamer Pierce. He graduated from Camp Hill High School and went on to college at the University of Miami, where he majored in marine biology, and was active with their marine lab.

When war was looming on the horizon, he enlisted in the Air Force, and served for two years. He was recalled to active duty at the time of another crisis and served as a medic.

After he was discharged, Pierre returned to South Florida, where he continued his love of the sea, being an early captain, sea diver and fisherman. He married and had two daughters, Pier and Nicole, with his wife Jane McGeary Pierce.

Many years later, Pierre met Anita Usher, who was a descendant of New England captains, and who loved the sea as well. They married, and together they worked for Shedd Aquarium, operating their collection boat, with marine scientists on board.

The next wonderful "job", which lasted many years, was the captain and mate for the Bertram Yacht Company. Together they performed customer demonstrations, fished tournaments with customers and personnel in the Bahamas, and traveled to boat shows along the East Coast of the U.S. Pierre's knowledge and personality were perfect fit for the job.

Along the way Pierre began to sculpt, and his bronzes became popular with fishermen and tournaments. He often displayed sailfish, marlin and bonefish. Many were given as awards as well. In later years on shore, Pierre was active with the friends group at the GTM NERR. He also served in the civic roles as a poll worker, which he enjoyed.

He was a kind and loving stepdad to Anita's children, Richard and Sandra Usher. Pierre converted to Catholicism a few years ago, and has been a devoted convert.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 9:00 AM Wednesday December 12, 2018 at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine, Revered Fr. Tom Willis, Celebrant.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Funeral Mass**                      09:00AM  
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Cathedral - Basilica of St. Augustine  
38 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine, US, 32084