



Monte R. Zierke

April 29, 1947 - March 13, 2022

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Monte R. Zierke, 74, of Norfolk formerly of Pierce will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 2022 at the Pierce Volunteer Fire Department. Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Chad Berg will be officiating the service. Interment will be held at the Prospect View Cemetery, rural Pierce. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, also at the Pierce Volunteer Fire Department. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #72 of Pierce, United States Army Honors Guard, and the Pierce Volunteer Fire Department. Monte passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at his residence in Norfolk. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

Monte was born on April 29, 1947 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Alfred and Ella (Behrens) Zierke. He was baptized June 1, 1947 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce and confirmed on May 28, 1961 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. He graduated from Pierce High School in 1965. He then served in the United States Army from November 16, 1966 to November 15, 1968. Monte married Marcia Lunz on September 25, 1970 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce, NE. After their marriage, Monte worked construction for a few years and was also a milkman until he started M&M Sanitation in April of 1973. He was in the sanitation business for 44 years until he retired in February of 2017. Monte valued the time and work that he put in with the Pierce Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed bowling, watching sports, cheering for the

Chicago Cubs, and Fox News. He was a proud military veteran who served in Vietnam and earned a Purple Heart in combat. He still kept in touch with some of his 1st Cavalry buddies. He was named Outstanding Pierce Citizen in 2017, along with his wife.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce, Pierce Fire Department for 49 years starting in 1973, past Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, Civil Defense Coordinator and Storm Spotter, and he was active in the Nebraska State Fire Conventions.

Survivors include his wife Marcy Zierke of Norfolk, children Wendi (Dave) Petersen of Columbus, Gene (Erin) Zierke of Pierce, Mindy (Jon) Carpenter of San Jose, CA. grandchildren Blake Petersen & Macy (Jake) Springer, Lawson Zierke, and Jamisyn & Kaydence Carpenter, siblings Gary (Donna) Zierke of Pierce, and Debra (Troy) Leisner of Pierce. He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Ella, and a brother Gene.

Casket bearers will be Kyle Mattson, Jim Zierke, Steve Dolesh, Rod Schwartz, Dave Lienemann, and Arnie Venteicher. Honorary casket bearers will be All Firefighters, and Monte's Brothers In Arms; Garry Ward, Tom Hyden, Mike Kopaczewski, and Roger "Doc" Shirkey. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierce Volunteer Fire Department
106 S 1st Street
Pierce, NE 68767

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

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106 S 1st Street
Pierce, NE 68767

Tribute Wall



“ *Monte R. Zierke*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of Monte, Marcy and family. Know he will be so missed. May God send you comfort, strength and His loving calming presence during this difficult time! Know Monte lived his life to the fullest and gave it all he had until the very end.*

Carol Tiemann - March 27, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Monte's family. He was a classmate of mine at Pierce High. Our mothers were friends when they were young. My mother was grateful that he didn't bill her for picking up her trash. When I thanked him for that at a class reunion, he said, "She never has more than a tiny little sack. We have to look out for these older people." Bless him for caring and looking out for others.*

Jo Ann Wagner - March 19, 2022 at 02:33 PM



I am one of monte's family members I would like to thank you for the support and he was a really nice guy I hardly knew him but I broke out in tears when I had found out that he died.

savannah Zierke - April 11, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Monte R. Zierke.*



March 18, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *With deepest sympathy 🙏*

Rita Wragge - March 18, 2022 at 01:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monte R. Zierke.*



March 16, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Monte R. Zierke.*



March 15, 2022 at 03:00 PM



“ *Sympathy and prayers to all of Monte's family and friends*

jana markes - March 15, 2022 at 07:50 AM

SK

“ So sorry for your loss!! Sincerely, Ed & Sandy Korth

Sandy Korth - March 14, 2022 at 05:27 PM

BS

“ Monte you were a fun classmate. I have fond memories of the class reunions. Will miss you. God be with you Marci and all the family.

Beverly Fullner Schumacher - March 14, 2022 at 05:16 PM

EL

“ RIP my Brother From Another Mother. I will never forget the times we spent together. Brothers always! SALUTE! Toast!

Gene Lehnert

Eugene Lehnert - March 13, 2022 at 06:38 PM