



## R.C. Pierce

December 8, 1942 - February 13, 2023

R. C. Pierce, Jr, age 80 passed away on February 13, 2023 following a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He was born in Houston on December 8, 1942 to R.C. Pierce and Thelma Stafford. He spent most of his growing up in Leesville, Louisiana where the family owned The Pierce Tire Company. He learned to love and repair cars during these early years. He earned a BS in Physics and an MS in Mathematics from Mc Neese University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he met his wife, Linda Bailey. They enjoyed 55 years raising their family consisting of a daughter Karen Kay and Robert Craig. They spent much of their married life in Spring, Texas. As a family they enjoyed time at the beach in Louisiana and road vacations to National and State Parks. R.C. was a tenured mathematics Professor at the University of Houston Downtown. He was proud to have co-authored several college level mathematics text books. Upon retirement, RC and Linda moved to Bentwater where he spent time boating with grandkids and family. He enjoyed playing golf, a sport that he learned from his father and shared with his kids and grandkids. He especially enjoyed the comradery among his golfing friends in Bentwater. He was known for his dry humor and gentle spirit.

R.C. was preceded in death by his parents and a half brother, Richard Pierce. He is survived by his wife, Linda; son Robert Craig Pierce and Marcy Sasser; daughter Karen Kay Sugarbaker (Pierce) and husband Scott; and two grandsons Garret Pierce Sugarbaker and Evan Robert Sugarbaker.

A celebration of his life will be held for family and friends from 4 to 6 on

Saturday, March 11 at the Bentwater Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation in his memory to a charity of your choice.

You are invited to leave a written condolence at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

BentWater Yacht Club  
800 Bentwater Drive  
Montgomery, TX 77356

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ A memory of RC

*Over twenty years ago, my wife and I stayed with RC and Linda in what was then their new house on the lake. The Sugarbakers were at that time still the Sugarbaker, but that would soon be corrected, as we were there for Kay's wedding.*

*Dianne and I were out of town guests, and in between people going out to watch golf, we chatted with Kay and Hillary, and occasionally Linda and RC. Di and I were relatively recent engineering graduates at that time, so some relatively geeky conversations broke out.*

*On one of these, RC leaned in like a man with a secret. "I've got something to show you," he said and disappeared upstairs.*

*He came back with a long leather sheath with a belt loop and chain on it. "I was just going to throw this away, but I would rather give it to someone who can appreciate it."*

*I opened the sheath and pulled out the largest slide rule I have ever seen. It had the word "Post" in red letters on it. It was a faded white, but you could see a woody material on the edges.*

*"They made these out of bamboo and coated them with vinyl," he explained.*

*"The vinyl keeps the bamboo from absorbing moisture so it doesn't expand with humidity, as that would throw off calculations. And they make it out of bamboo so it doesn't expand or contract with heat as a metal would."*

*He smiled and went on, "We used to wear these like gunslingers. We practiced quick draw. There was another brand other than post, but we didn't speak to those people."*

*Dianne asked, "So did Linda have a Post?"*

*RC's smile deepened, "If she hadn't I wouldn't have spoken to her. So it's a good thing that she did. A very good thing."*

*We still have the slide rule and one other important memento that Linda provided – her Post Slide Rule instruction book. Engineering curriculums are not what they once were. And I am afraid that I have forgotten a lot of math even still. But I do remember RC as a kind man, with a quick sense of humor, and a willingness to include those around him in friendly conspiracies.*

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**Dianne Doss** - March 11, 2023 at 06:00 PM

DD

*From my husband, Bill*

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**Dianne Doss** - March 11, 2023 at 06:00 PM

LW

“*Dear Linda, My most heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I hope you will find comfort in your memories of your life with R.C.*  
*Lynn Watkins*”

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**Lynn Watkins** - February 22, 2023 at 11:33 AM

RB

“ Linda, Thanks for letting me know about R.C. We shared several adventures during our misspent youth...squirrel hunting with his dachhund Mitzi, cruising Leesville in his ford galaxy convertible, sharing Mr. Anderson's physics class, etc. May God bless you abundantly during this most difficult period. Roy Beltz

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**Roy Beltz** - February 22, 2023 at 09:31 AM

JO

“ Linda, our sincere condolences. Joan Gissingner

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**Joan** - February 19, 2023 at 08:47 PM

SM

“ Linda,

*Thinking of you and your loved ones during this difficult time. May God comfort you and your family in your time of sorrow.*

*Sandra Maalouf*

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**sandra maalouf** - February 19, 2023 at 03:38 PM

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“ Dear Linda,  
Please accept my deepest sympathy. You and your family are in my prayers.



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**Francene Young** - February 17, 2023 at 02:06 PM

YA

“ *Our deepest sympathies for you and your family.--Yavonne Martinez and Family*

Yavonne - February 16, 2023 at 09:21 PM

JA

“ *Jerome A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of R.C. Pierce.*



Jerome A. - February 16, 2023 at 12:14 PM

BP

“ *Linda and family,  
I am holding you all in my heart and in my prayers.*

*With deep sympathy,  
Jo Pease and Tim English*

Barbara Jo Jo Pease - February 15, 2023 at 06:29 PM

PB

*Deepest sympathy. Remember how much Bill enjoyed playing golf with RC.*

Pat Bryant - February 16, 2023 at 05:47 PM

LR

*My heart aches for you and your family with the loss of your life partner, husband, father and grandfather.  
Please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lisa Sasser Rizzo - February 17, 2023 at 08:57 PM

BM

*Linda, My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Barbara Mildren*

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**Barbara W Mildren** - February 19, 2023 at 09:13 PM

JS

*Linda, Kay and I send our condolences and sympathy to you and the family. We will miss R.C., but retain fond memories of times past.*

*Jerry Schuler*

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**Jerry Schuler** - February 21, 2023 at 06:53 PM