



## G. Ramona Holmes Pierce

February 13, 1931 - October 17, 2020

“God please give strength and guidance to my children Kevin, Krystal, Karla and me. Provide them with food and places to live and jobs. Thank you.” – G. Ramona Pierce

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G. Ramona Holmes Pierce, daughter of the late Hannibal E. Holmes, Sr. and Sara G. Holmes, was born on Friday, February 13, 1931, in Richmond, Virginia.

To know Ramona was to love her. She lived a vibrant, active life; enjoyed life to the fullest; and was well-known for her delicious baked goods and hilarious laughter. As her grandson Akhu described it, his grandma’s laugh was like capturing childhood—genuine, authentic and time stopping. Ramona filled her heart and her time by living her life in service to God; actively participating in Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the American Business Women’s Association (ABWA-Blue Mountain Chapter); having fun with family and countless friends; and exploring the world.

She graduated from Armstrong High School in Richmond in 1947 and went on to Virginia Union University, graduating in 1951 with a teaching degree. While building a beautiful family of her own, Ramona worked for the Naval Ships Parts Control Center for thirty-plus years followed by Harrisburg Area Community College for an additional twenty-plus years before retiring from

work at age eighty. She continued her activity with Wesley Union A.M.E. Zion Church in Harrisburg, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and ABWA.

On Saturday, October 17, 2020, at the blessed age of eighty-nine, Ramona transitioned from time to eternity. She was preceded in death by her younger brother, Hannibal E. Holmes Jr. who transitioned in 2013, her stepmother, Lucy B. Holmes, and her great-grandson, Sulayman A. Little who transitioned in September 2020, and her stepmother, Lucy B. Holmes.

Ramona/Mommy/Mom/Grandma/Mimi leaves to remember and cherish memories of her beautiful journey three children: Kevin Arthur Pierce, Krystal Sara Rooduijn and Evangeline Ruphael (previously Karla Evangeline Pierce); thirteen grandchildren: Kamilah, Mau, Keva, Kaylah, Krysta, Karlee, DaNaisha, Renitta, Anthony, Thomas, Elisheva, Eleni and Akhu; twenty-three great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who are saddened by her passing but have the full assurance that Ramona is safely at peace and one with God.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY YOUR NAME ALLOWING THE FAMILY TO KNOW YOU ARE THINKING OF THEM.

ON-LINE STREAMING OF SERVICE. CLICK ON THE PHOTOS & VIDEOS TAB OR MEDIA TAB (MOBILE) AND TRIBUTE WEBCAST TO VIEW.

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

OCT **23**. 8:30 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
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## Viewing

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

OCT **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of G. Ramona Holmes Pierce



Wallace Funeral Directors - October 22, 2020 at 05:47 PM

EM

“ Elaine Middleton lit a candle in memory of G. Ramona Holmes Pierce



Elaine Middleton - February 26, 2021 at 12:29 PM

NG

“ Kevin and Krystal my deepest condolences on the loss of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Praying for peace and comfort. God Bless ❤️🙏

Nancy Gray - October 28, 2020 at 06:55 PM

PE

“ Ramona was such a beautiful person and she will be missed.



Peggy Erickson - October 25, 2020 at 09:11 PM

KE

“ *Our sympathy and prayers are with all of you. Les and Kim Engle*

**Kim Engle** - October 25, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Cristal Scheib lit a candle in memory of G. Ramona Holmes Pierce*



**Cristal Scheib** - October 23, 2020 at 12:28 PM

PL

*I loved Ramona so much. She was a lively lady and friend.*

**Peggy Lee** - October 24, 2020 at 09:46 AM

  
Kamilah  
Oni

“ *Kamilah Oni lit a candle in memory of G. Ramona Holmes Pierce*



**Kamilah Oni** - October 23, 2020 at 10:15 AM

YG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Yolanda Goodwin-Humphrey** - October 23, 2020 at 07:38 AM

RM

“ To the family of G. Ramona Pierce you are truly in our thoughts and prayers. Your mom, grandma and great grandmother will truly be missed. She was a faithful member and treasurer for the Harrisburg District Women's Home & Overseas Missionary. She was thorough and made sure every penny was calculated. She always shared with us what was on her mind. Sis. Pierce will be missed. Peace and Blessings. The Harrisburg District WH&OMS.  
Rhonda Means, President

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**Rhonda Means** - October 22, 2020 at 06:35 PM

KP

“ To my name being called no matter where I was. No pagers, no cell phones, just the neighborhood network! Lol. Fresh baked cakes & dinner rolls. Home made waffles (not from a box) apples cooked with sugar& cinnamon. My loving sister taking delight in getting me in trouble every chance she could. Growing up on 14th & Hervey, those were the days!

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**Kevin Pierce** - October 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM

JL

“ Jackie Lowe lit a candle in memory of G. Ramona Holmes Pierce



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**Jackie Lowe** - October 22, 2020 at 10:51 AM

RH

“ *The Moseley Harper Family loves our "Auntie G!" Auntie was Treasurer for the former Philadelphia District Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, and I had served as President. We traveled to Mass Meetings together. One time on our way to Philadelphia, traffic was quite heavy and was moving rather slowly. Auntie G decided to share her reaction to a recent television show that I had not seen. Well, Auntie G started at the opening scene and provided such details that even when we pulled into the parking lot in Philadelphia, we had not gotten through the television show. We had the meeting, Auntie G handled all the financial reports, and we got into the car to return to Harrisburg. As soon as we pulled out of the parking lot, Auntie G picked up the story right where she ended 4 hours before. My son, who was about 8 years old at the time, two year old daughter, and I roared with laughter, and so did Auntie G. Yes! After the laughter, Auntie G finished the story. And, Auntie G told the story the entire trip back to her home. That was our inside joke--we will finish the story later. Now, I cannot recall the television show. But, the love and laughter of every moment spent with Auntie G are treasures in my soul. Thank you for sharing your Mother with us. Submitted with love....Renata Moseley Harper, Allie Julius Harper 3rd, and Imani Elizabeth Harper.*

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**Renata E Moseley Harper** - October 22, 2020 at 09:23 AM

SH

“ *Sincere condolences to the family. Ramona was such a sweetie; I always enjoyed our pleasant conversations together.*

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**Shirl** - October 22, 2020 at 09:19 AM

JR

“ Dear Family,



*What a beautiful picture of my Dear Friend Ramona. I have so many wonderful memories of her - from our days of working at the Navy Base in adjacent areas and playing pinochle on our lunch break; taking a bus trip to Niagara Falls; listening to her squeal with glee when something really tickled her funny bone; hearing her talk about all her grandkids and great grand kids; and in more recent years after we both retired, getting together every year around her birthday and going out for dinner...except this year....when Covid disrupted our plans.... and also when I go thru my recipe book and see her handwriting on recipes she shared with me over the years....**ESPECIALLY HER WORLD FAMOUS LEMONY LEMON CAKE....BEST CAKE EVER.** I last spoke with her when she called to tell me about Sulayman's death....she was so sad, I could hear it in her voice. She was a beautiful person, both inside and out and I will miss her terribly. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers as you morn the loss of your Mom, Grandma and Great Grandma. Rest in Peace, Ramona. Love you always,  
~Judy Reed~*

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**Judy Reed** - October 21, 2020 at 01:53 PM

CO

*Our angel is up in heaven and will be missed. We will always remember the fun times with her. At our get together, she was noted for her muffins and deviled eggs. We will remember her as being sassy, classy and a wonderful person. One of our fond memories was when we would have lunch in the Cooper Student Center cafeteria and Ramona would join us and all we did was laugh.when she talked about Sydney Poitier. Ramona had a beautiful smile and was always upbeat. The HACC Retirement Club (Dee Dee Lake, Coordinator)*

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**Connie** - October 21, 2020 at 07:29 PM

MR

*Sweet, beautiful, the ever-dignified Ramona. I always enjoyed our chats whenever meeting her on campus.*

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**Myra Robinson** - October 22, 2020 at 09:36 AM

IL

*I am really going to miss Ramona as I called her (Mona, Mona) at our choir rehearsals , she had such a great sense of humor, she made me laugh all the time, I'm going to miss teasing her. A sweet kind lovely person.*

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**Iris Lewis** - October 22, 2020 at 09:55 AM

MH

*Ramona... How I will miss you dearly. Every soul should be like yours. You wish everyone nothing but love from your heart and we tried our best to return it back to you. To Krystal, Kevin and Evangeline may God give you strength to get through this. Remember she has just transitioned over. I use to love the look she would give if she asked you to do something and it wasn't fast enough for her and she would give you that look only someone with pure love could give you before they really said something they did not want to say. Oh but she loved to sing.....I will miss her voice! To the grandchildren and great grandchildren; hold dear to the sweet memories because I know you have them. I do and I will treasure them. I will see you again Dear Ramona. We will sing together again. Much love.*

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**Marie Hall** - October 22, 2020 at 03:53 PM

JG

*Ramona was a former co-worker and longtime friend. Honored to have received this photo, along with a text, the night before she suddenly left this world and entered God's presence. So thankful for the encouragement and love she always provided to me, Rachel, Josh and Jenna. So many memories of times together with our Navy Base friends, including Penn State football cabin weekends.*

*I will always remember how she was present for important milestones in our family, sharing her lemon cakes. She was still sending birthday cards to our son and daughter, now age 31 and 29. Rachel and I enjoyed our Red Lobster lunches with Ramona after we all retired.*

*I have long admired Ramona's commitment to her church, and her joyful participation in her church choir. She has joined a new choir now, and I look forward to the day we sing together around God's throne.*

*Joel Gordon*

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**Joel Gordon** - October 22, 2020 at 07:16 PM

RP

*Prayers and Love to my cousins on the loss of their Dear Mother. I have many fond childhood memories of Aunt Ramona while the family was still in Illinois. I stayed over night every weekend I could. I remember having cream chipped corn beef and toast for dinner which to me was a delicacy. And breakfast wasn't breakfast without a glass of Tang. Then of course the Sunday morning ride to Trinity AME church in her VW Beatle Bug. To this day I think of Ramona when I see a VW Beatle Bug! Good times and fond memories. The Lord has called his faithful servant home to rest.*

*Robert Pierce*

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**Robert Pierce** - October 22, 2020 at 10:46 PM