



Marirose Pierre

April 11, 1924 - April 12, 2018

Marirose (Funke) Pierre, age 94, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 12, 2018 with her family at her side.

Marirose was born April 11, 1924 in Evansville to the late Joseph H. and Rose Lichtenberg Funke. One of Evansville's oldest families, Joseph Funke was the president of Ferdinand Funke Paper Mill, founded by Joseph's father in 1858. The paper mill was sold in 1954 to make way for the Pennsylvania Street Expressway,

She and her husband, Jim, founded Pierre Funeral Home in 1952 and together they operated the funeral home for 25 years before retiring. After retiring from the funeral home, Marirose worked as a bridal consultant and salesperson for Droste's Jewelers for five years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, a past president of St. Rita's Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John and had served as an Officer of the Supreme Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of St. John International. She was also a charter member of Altrusa International, Evansville Chapter and had held several offices with the Opti-Mrs. Club of Evansville.

Marirose is survived by her children, Carol Chambers and her husband, Michael and Gary Pierre and his wife, Susan; her grandchildren, John Pierre and Jim (Lori) Pierre and four great grandchildren, Josh, Ashley, Jacob and

Joey Pierre.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Pierre in 1986.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 2:00 until 7:00 P.M. at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 12:30 P.M. until service time on Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Boniface Parish, 1601 Glendale Ave, Evansville, IN 47712 or to the Altrusa International Foundation.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

APR 16. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2701 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

funeral

APR 16. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
2701 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marirose Pierre*



Pierre Funeral Home - April 14, 2018 at 04:59 PM



Godspeed

John Pierre - April 15, 2018 at 02:18 PM

KK

Thinking of you and your whole family Carol. We are so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers coming your way. Larry and Karen King - Grimes, Iowa

Karen King - April 16, 2018 at 06:02 AM

DJ

Carol, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom!!

Debbie Janssen - April 16, 2018 at 06:55 PM



“ *Marirose Pierre*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

SA

“ Gary, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I was at Oldenburg during that time and missed the obituary in the paper. Please be assured of my prayers.
Irma was talking to me last night about it. I have read her obituary and she was a very strong woman. We need women like her in heaven to send blessings on us who still struggle here.
Be assured of my thoughts and prayers. Of course I'm always praying for you and the "gang" at the home.
God bless you,
Sister Bridget

Sister Bridget Arnold - April 30, 2018 at 07:01 AM

AK

“ My prayers are with all of the dear Pierre family. She was such a classy woman who exuded such grace. God bless you all.

Alex Knapp - April 18, 2018 at 06:36 PM

MG

“ To all of you dear Pierre friends, my heart goes out to you and I wish I were there to celebrate her life and the beautiful family she built. Prayers, hugs and much love to all of you. - Nubbie

Miranda Graham - April 18, 2018 at 12:54 PM

IR

“ Carol,
I so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Having lost my mom a few years ago, I know that it hurts. May your memories bring you comfort as you travel down this path. You and your family are in my prayers.

Ina K Roberts - April 16, 2018 at 03:47 PM

KB

“ I'm so sorry to learn of your loss, Carol. You were soooo fortunate to have her so many years, which is never enough, but I lost my mother at 59 yrs. old. God has His own timing, so I accept that.....but, it still hurts. You and your family are in my prayers.

Kay Burry - April 16, 2018 at 01:07 PM

TL

“ Gary, Susie and family-

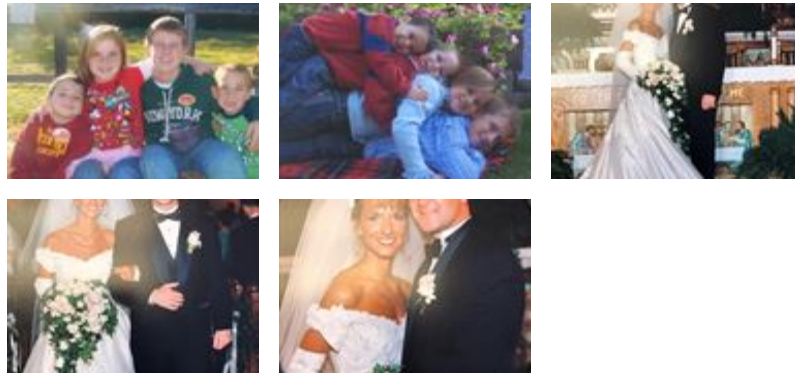
We were so very sorry to hear of your family's loss of such a special lady! Please know that we're thinking of each of you as you move through this difficult time.

Shaun, Emily, Audrey, Thomas & Caroline Lieb

The Liebs - April 16, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ 5 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - April 15, 2018 at 09:13 AM

MG

Lovely.

Miranda Graham - April 18, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ 109 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - April 14, 2018 at 03:46 PM

MG

These are wonderful.

Miranda Graham - April 18, 2018 at 12:53 PM

JR

“ Gary & Carol,

Barb & I were sorry to read about your mother's passing. It is great to know that she had a long and wonderful life.

With sympathy,

Joe & Barb Rettig

Joe & Barb Rettig - April 14, 2018 at 12:01 PM

CH

“ *My sincere sympathy for Marirose's family. She was an elegant and graceful lady. I knew her through the Auxiliary. May she rest in peace. May her memory and example live on through all who knew her. God Bless.*

Sincerely, Chris & Paul Schapker

Chris - April 14, 2018 at 10:49 AM

MM

“ *I had the opportunity to work with Marirose at Droste's. She was cool, calm & well heeled! What a beautiful lady. It is our fortune that she had children to keep it alive. You have my sympathy. Mary 'Ann' Fehrenbacher Miller*

mary ann miller - April 14, 2018 at 08:39 AM

JK

“ *My sincere condolences to Gary, Susie, Jim, John and your extended families. I recall my Dad speaking so highly of Jim and Marirose Pierre. I promise to offer a rosary asking God to comfort each of you. Sincerely, Jerry Koester*

Jerry Koester - April 14, 2018 at 07:27 AM

JG

I am glad I got to know her through the Ladies of Knights of St. John. I got to spend time with her at an International Convention. She was great. Sorry for your loss. Judy Glaser

Judy Glaser - April 15, 2018 at 12:03 PM