



STEPHEN MICHAEL PIERCE
STS2(SS) B Comm 1965-1967
STCS(SS) Retired

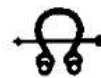
Stephen M. Pierce, 74, of Abilene, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at his home in Abilene. The family will receive guests on Monday April 13, 2020 from 4 – 6 p.m. at The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road. Considering the current COVID-19 situation, private memorial services with military honors will be held at The Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene at a later date. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home.

Stephen was born on November 6, 1945 in Barnstable, Massachusetts to the late William and Lucy (Thomas) Pierce. He graduated from Barnstable High School in 1963. He and Frances Smith were married on December 24, 1982 in San Diego, California. Stephen served in the US Navy for 24 years, all devoted entirely to the submarine service as a sonarman. He was a veteran of the Vietnam war. Before his retirement as a Senior Chief 1987, Stephen was awarded the Navy and Marine Corp Medal for Heroism by President Ronald Reagan in October of 1986. After his retirement, he continued his work on submarines in the Civil Service as a GS10. Stephen was trained as an electrician when he joined the Navy. This, in part, enabled him to become a jack of all trades. Stephen had an innate ability to understand how things worked and was known as a man that could fix anything. In 1972, Stephen bought his first Stingray Corvette which he and Frances enjoyed for many years. In 2011, he and Frances moved to Abilene from Roanoke Rapids, NC. After arriving in Abilene, they placed membership at Beltway Park Church South and Stephen became director of the camera crew. This was something Stephen really loved doing. Stephen was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Gail Frances Schlosser. Stephen is survived by his wife Frances of Abilene; one son, David R. Ingram and wife Laura of Abilene; three daughters, Crystal K. Edwards of North Carolina, Rhonda G. Nixon and husband John of North Carolina, and Stacey C. Herrera and husband Carlos of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; his niece, Cindi Clatterbuck of Massachusetts and nephew, Michael Dumas of Maine; eight grandchildren, Jessica Lyn, Trevor Joseph David, Jordan Kyle, Philip Stephen, John Tyler, Brittany Lane, Justine Andrea, and Jenna Kaitlyn; and thirteen great grandchildren. Stephen, known to many as Pepa, was loved dearly and will be missed deeply by family and friends alike. We rejoice that he is at peace with his savior. Family suggests memorials may be made to the Food Pantry at Beltway Park Church South, 4009 Beltway South, Abilene, Texas 79606.

<https://hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/3300/Stephen-Pierce/obituary.html>



Stephen Michael Pierce , STSCS(SS)



Personal Information

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| Nickname | |
| Spouse / Partner Next of Kin | Frances |
| Address | 7298 Prairie View Av Abilene TX 79606-5748 |
| Phones | 325-691-1732 |
| E-mail Addresses | home: pierce7298@gmail.com |
| Deceased | Yes Date went on Eternal Patrol: 4/8/2020 |
| Doing Now | Born on November 6, 1945 - Entered into Eternal Patrol on April 8, 2020. Now fully retired after working at Trident Refit Facility in Kings Bay, GA |
| Status | Changed on: 4/13/2020 Updated by Harold P. Egbert Jr (theegg@theegg42.com) |

US Navy Service Information

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| Years Served | Joined in 1964 left in 1987 |
| Highest Rank - Rate | E8 - STSCS(SS) |
| Service Number | 773-32-57 |
| USN Retired | Yes in 1987 |
| Naval Service Highlights | |
| Ships Served On | SS-340, SSBN-655, SS-302, SSBN-600, SSBN-601, SSN-680 |

| Hull# | Ship's Name | Rate/Rank | Years | Special Duties | |
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| SS-340 | Entemedor | STSSN(SS) | 1964-65 | | Sonar |
| SSBN-655 | Henry L Stimson | STS2(SS) | 1965-67 | | Sonar |
| SS-302 | Sabalo | STS2(SS) | 1968-69 | RFD 10 Aug 68, TRF Aug 69 | Sonar |
| SSBN-600 | Theodore Roosevelt | STS1(SS) | 1971-74 | | Sonar |
| SSBN-601 | Robert E. Lee | STS1(SS) | 1976-78 | | Sonar |
| SSN-680 | William H Bates | STSCS(SS) | 1986-87 | | Sonar |

| Nickname | Association Name | Joined |
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| SSBN-601 | USS Robert E. Lee Association | 2007 |