



## William Jerry Piercey

July 4, 1936 - September 7, 2021

William Jerry Piercey, age 85, passed away peacefully in his home in Blue Springs, Missouri on September 7, 2021.

Jerry was born on July 4, 1936 to the late Dalton Hershel and Willie Mae Piercey in Memphis, Tennessee. He graduated from Humes High School, Memphis, Tennessee in 1955. Jerry accepted the Lord as Savior right before he graduated from High School and while attending Bible Baptist Church in Vallejo, California he surrendered his life to ministry. He then moved to Springfield, Missouri where he attended Baptist Bible College and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology.

He and his wife Shari were approved as Baptist Bible Fellowship Missionaries to Ethiopia, Africa in January 1965, arriving in Ethiopia in September of 1966. They served there for 10 years as church planters, only leaving when the communist takeover of that country made it impossible for them to stay. From 1976 to 1979 Jerry worked as a Missions teacher and recruiter for Baptist Bible College West, Denver, Colorado. In 1979 he was reinstated as a missionary to Kenya, East Africa and served there until December 2003. They then served as S.M.O.R.E.S. (temporary relief) missionaries, serving in six countries and the State of Alaska before retiring in 2015.

Jerry was a faithful member of Overland Park Baptist Temple, where he sang

in the choir and served in other activities at the church including: substitute teaching, nursery duty on occasion and preparing food for kids in the Upward Basketball Program.

Preceding him in death were his brothers Harold and George Piercey. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shari Joplin Piercey, Blue Springs, Missouri. He is also survived by his four children: Lisa Holcomb (Steve) of Cotopaxi, Colorado, Jerry Piercey of Enterprise, Alabama, Lora Kirkpatrick (Lenny) of Charleston, Illinois and Steve Piercey (Valerie) of Blue Springs, Missouri. Also surviving him are his 10 grandchildren: Keith, Aaron (Amy), Sharla, Dalton, Blair, Cheyenne, Logan, Josiah, Imani and Will and 5 great grandchildren: Eliana, Alexandria, Julion, Brooklyn and Lucas.

Pallbearers will be Keith and Aaron Holcomb, Dalton Piercey, Blair Piercey, Josiah Piercey, and Greg Holifield.

The family wishes to thank the staff from Kindred Hospice for their compassion, love and support during these past weeks.

Services will be held at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, on September 18, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. prior to the service. Interment immediately following the service at the adjoining cemetery. Bro. Roy Crouch will officiate.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Baptist Bible Fellowship International at 720 E Kearney St. Springfield, Missouri 65803, labeled "Mission Projects Fund Jerry Piercey Memorial".

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

1743 Mississippi 29 N, Ellisville, MS 39437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church  
1743 Mississippi 29 N, Ellisville, MS 39437

## Service

SEP 18. 11:30 AM (CT)

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church  
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# Tribute Wall

LO

“ Logan sent a virtual gift in memory of William Jerry Piercey



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**logan** - November 06, 2021 at 05:42 AM

LO

“ i miss you so much



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**Logan** - November 05, 2021 at 11:54 PM

CJ

“ He was preaching on tithing one day in my church - Ruiru Bible Baptist Church. He said that if only your fingers had eyes, the moment you put them into your pocket to choose how much to put in the offering basket, your fingers would definitely look around what you had inside your pocket and choose only those bills you wanted to give, especially if you wanted to give just a little bit. That is how funny Jerry was during his preaching 😂.

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**Charles Juma Juma** - October 03, 2021 at 10:54 PM

CJ

“ Hello, this is Pastor Charles Juma. I was a pastor at the Ruiru Bible Baptist Church in Kenya as a young pastor. Missionaries, Richard Konnerup, Jon Konnerup, and Ole Konnerup were my missionaries. But I must admit, Jerry Piercey was one of the missionaries within the fellowship that I looked up to with great admiration and respect. He did a lot of preaching for me on Sunday nights and was one of my favorite preachers within the fellowship. He was fun and creative during his preaching, you could not fall asleep even if you wanted to.

*It just so happened that I was writing something tonight and decided to quote Jerry. So I went online to find out where he is currently. I got shocked to find out he just passed away last month. I feel a great sense of loss and sadness that Missionary Jerry is no longer with us. I visited his home many times in Nairobi. He was a true mentor and friend. My sincere condolences to his family and the entire BBF family. I look forward to the day I get to see Jerry at the feet of Jesus. Rest in peace my brother and friend! You taught me well, and I will represent you well in my remaining days on earth.*

*Pastor Charles Juma*

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**Charles Juma Juma** - October 03, 2021 at 10:41 PM

AP

“ Dear Aunt Shara and family, I am so grateful the Lord allowed me to grow up knowing Uncle Jerry and the kind, loving man he was. More important than seeing his kindness and love for people, I knew he loved Jesus fully. I also saw his desire to share Jesus with others and that had an impact on me and was part of what helped me want to share Jesus with others. I wish I could be with you all today but know I I am thinking of you and praying for all of you. We love you.

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**Amy Pointer** - September 18, 2021 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Jerry Piercey.*



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September 17, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Shara, we appreciate the influence which you and Jerry have had on our lives. Your home was always open, and the many Thanksgivings which you hosted are some of our sweetest memories! Also, we remember your traveling all the way to Nanyuki for the memorial service for Sherry's mother in 1984. It meant so much to us! Jerry will be missed! And, Shara, may the Lord comfort you and the whole family!*

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**Jerry & Sherry Daniels** - September 17, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *Jerry's mission work in Kenya is hugely appreciated. His legacy through founding Calvary Baptist church and school is enduring. Fare this well ! Joy Mbaabu- past parent at the school*

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**Joy Mbaabu** - September 17, 2021 at 04:23 AM

RN

“ *The Piercey Family,  
We just want to let you know that the Calvary Baptist Church family extends their sympathy to you at this moment in time. Pastor Piercey will forever be remembered for the enduring love and commitment he shared as Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ngong.*



*Pastor Patrick Ngei*

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**Rev. Patrick Ngei** - September 16, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JN

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Jerry & Nancy Novak** - September 15, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JE

*The last time that we got to visit Jerry & Shari in their home. We will miss you Jerry. Our prayers are with you Shari and the family.*

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**Jerry** - September 15, 2021 at 02:13 PM

RM

*Thank you for everything Pastor Piercey. I will be forever grateful.*

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**Richard Muigai** - September 16, 2021 at 11:14 AM

OK

*To be absent from the body is to be present with the LORD! Fare Thee well Bwana Piercey.*

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**Onesmus Kibera** - September 16, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JC

“ Shari, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family at this time. Please know we care and are praying for you at this time and in the days, weeks and months to come. May God hold you close 🙏 Jim and Nancy Cox

Jim & Nancy Cox - September 14, 2021 at 08:01 PM

KK

“ So sorry for your loss...  
Kevin, Victoria and Dominic

Kevin Kersey - September 13, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JJ

“ Jessica Juma lit a candle in memory of  
William Jerry Piercey



Jessica Juma - September 12, 2021 at 12:19 PM

JJ

“ Pst. Jerry n his beloved wife Shari, for sure led me to knowing who Christ Jesus is. It's so sad that he's no more but one thing I'm sure of is that he's with our Lord Jesus Christ now. He's left a big legacy n impact in the lives of many here in Kenya. I'll forever remember him with the song I believe he loved most in the Hymn Book, "At Calvary"... May God rest his soul in Eternal Glory Forever... till we meet again. AMEN 🙏

Jessica Juma - September 12, 2021 at 11:50 AM

SM

“ Some people come into your life & they leave wonderful memories that will always be there. Jerry was that type of person. I'm so glad to have known he & Shari plus the others in their family. May God's peace & love surround every one of you.

Sandy Moore - September 11, 2021 at 05:38 PM

BC

“ Thank you for letting me care for Jerry and your family these last few weeks. You all will forever be so special to me. ❤️❤️ -Brandy

Brandy Carroll - September 11, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Memory Chapel Funeral Home - September 10, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JJ

We love you so very much! Our hearts and prayers are with you! ((((((((((u)))))))))) think of stepping on shore, and finding heaven...I can only imagine! What a day that will be! ❤️🙏❤️

Jim, Elaine, Mike and Jeff - September 11, 2021 at 04:39 PM

DL

“ Jane and I had the privilege to work with Jerry and Shari in Kenya for 2.5 years. They blessed us with the opportunity to teach and serve in several areas. Jerry taught me much about serving Jesus through his love, actions, and determination. Jerry specifically challenged me to teach basic Biblical doctrine classes to some of the church members. Thankfully, he had some great materials to guide me along with his sound advice. Because of Jerry's direction I have taught Bible doctrine classes in the local church. We love him, Shari, and his family. Thank you Jesus for this man who did so much for us.

*David and Jane Larson*

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**David and Jane Larson** - September 09, 2021 at 11:09 AM

JJ

*Yes indeed Dave! I am (was) one of the kids you taught Biblical doctrine classes at Calvary Baptist Church in Ngong' Town, Kenya. And your teachings led 3 of my friends to surrender their lives to Christ...I still remember you n Jane n also thank you so much n may God continue to bless you both n give you His glorious breath the longest*



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**Jessica Juma** - September 12, 2021 at 11:37 AM

PC

“ The wonderful memories abound of Jerry and his family. He's now with His Savior and God who he served for many years. What better legacy could he leave. Patrice and Bob Cook



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**patrice cook** - September 08, 2021 at 10:21 PM

MM

“ we loved Jerry and know he is in Heaven and praying for Shara and family and so many friends--certainly heavens gain--Mary Ann Mohler

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**Mary Ann Mohler** - September 08, 2021 at 05:55 PM

SR

*My deepest sympathies....  
Many years ago in Vallejo, CA (1969-1972) I worked at a Christian school, Grace Christian Academy @ Grace Baptist Church, you were on furlough and I had the privilege of having one of your daughters in my 2nd/3rd grade combination class, and what a blessing it was! 🙏Ing  
for ALL of your family. Stacie (Cory) Rader*

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**Staccie (Cory) Rader** - September 12, 2021 at 11:05 PM