



## Lela Lucille Pierce

February 27, 1925 - January 23, 2023

Lela Lucille Pierce, 97, passed peacefully at Mt. Vernon Countryside Manor on January 23, 2023.

Lela was born on February 27, 1925, in Keenes, Illinois, a daughter of Everitt Burkitt and Ora Mae Shaw. She was a graduate of Wayne City High School and married Glenn Avern Pierce on December 21, 1944, while maintaining her loyalty to assist in raising her siblings after her mother passed. Her life was fulfilled being a homemaker and community leader.

Mrs. Pierce is survived by four children: JoAnn Cameron of Normal, Gary and Mark (Jackie) Pierce of Bluford, and Dr. Shelly Pierce of Carbondale, Illinois; and seven grandchildren: Darren Cameron of Garland, TX; Brian (Amy) Cameron of Leland, IL; Dr. Kevin (Chris) Pierce of Springfield, MO, Dr. Jason (Ginger) Pierce of Alton, IL; Bethany (Bryan Camden) Johnson, of Christopher, IL; and Nicholas (Ami) and Jana Pierce of Bluford, IL; many great-grandchildren; one sister Ruth (Lyle) Witzel of Mt. Vernon; and nephews and nieces.

Lela joined her husband of 64 years, Glenn; parents Everitt and Ora Mae Burkitt; sisters Veralee (Guy) Wilcox, Nadene Grunder, and Alice (Darrell) French; brothers John, Dale, Lowell "Pete" (Betty), and Baby Burkitt; and one Grandson, Ryan Shane.

Lela truly lived life to the fullest through diverse interests and commitments and helped to improve the surrounding communities with meaningful service and contributions: A steadfast member (Treasurer for 17 years) of the

Community of Christ Poplar Creek Church where she remained faithful until death; community 4H leader, PTA President, County Home Extension Board Member, Jefferson County Farm Bureau Women's Club Chair, Mt. Vernon Women's Club President, Grandma's Club President, Jefferson County Christian Club President, Jefferson Memorial Hospital member Treasurer, Jefferson County Church Women United President, and a member of Royal Neighbor's and Modern Woodmen.

Lela loved to cook and enjoyed reading, card games, antiques, sewing, crocheting, gardening, and canning. She often taught her children the best way to learn is to read, travel, and talk to people. Mom was a strong, determined and fiercely independent woman. We will miss her every day. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 27, 2023, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix. Burial will follow at Wells Chapel Cemetery. Friends may call Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Mt. Vernon Countryside Manor, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be made at [www.osborfuneral.com](http://www.osborfuneral.com), or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

The family would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. Chris Modert, Tyger Downen, and all the staff at Mt. Vernon Countryside Manor for their caring and compassionate care during the last years of our Mother's life, her dear and loyal friend, Dorothy Puckett, who even during COVID braved the odds to spend countless hours visiting, and lastly to Lisa Hawkins, who demonstrated love and dedication to Mom by giving up endless weekends and holidays to ensure mom had everything she wanted and needed. Lastly, we thank God Mom is now out of pain and suffering and dancing with Dad in a heavenly paradise.

# Cemetery Details

## Wells Chapel Cemetery

Bluford, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Osborn Funeral Home  
322 North Main Street  
Dix, IL 62830  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Family of Lela Pierce: I am so sorry now to say that I didn't keep in contact with her family and her while she was still living. I was so saddened to see that your precious Loved One has passed away. I know that all of you will miss her dearly but remember all the good times you had with her over the years as the memories are so precious. I have some good memories as in 1973 she came out to Nevada for my wedding with Shelly, Oleta and my Aunt Alberta. I also went to church with her at Poplar Creek Community of Christ when I lived back in Illinois. May God bless each one of you at this time. May prayers are with each one of you at this time. We know that she has been called home to be with her Heavenly Father and was welcomed by those that have gone on before her and that also includes my Mom, Grandma and others in my family that knew her. I must tell you that I am Marilyn (Shehorn) Tarbutton. I tried to call Mark a little bit earlier today and just left a message at hoi house. With my deepest sympathy and lots of love. Marilyn

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Marilyn (Shehorn) Tarbutton - February 01, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lela Lucille Pierce.



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January 26, 2023 at 04:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lela Lucille Pierce.*



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January 25, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lela Lucille Pierce.*



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January 25, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lela Lucille Pierce.*



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January 25, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *Lela was a strong and beautiful woman. She will be missed by many.*

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**Dorothy Puckett** - January 25, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JR

“ *Mark & Jackie,  
So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I didn't know her very well  
but what I did know what that she was a fine lady that cared deeply  
about her family. Keep all the good memories close to your heart.  
Keeping you and all the family in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**June (Braddock) Rubenacker** - January 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Lela Lucille Pierce.*



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January 24, 2023 at 06:30 PM

Joy  
Efrig

“ *I loved spending my summer vacation at the Pierce household. So  
many fond memories. Rest in peace Aunt Lee.*

*Joy (Burkitt) Pascoe*

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**Joy Efrig** - January 24, 2023 at 06:12 PM

BJ

“ *Rest in peace Aunt Lee! Hope you're up their dancing and laughing  
with your sisters* ❤️

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**Becky Jordan** - January 24, 2023 at 01:18 PM