



Glen Russell Pierson III

August 4, 1942 - January 9, 2025

Glen Russell Pierson III, "Russ", passed peacefully with family on January 9th at Winter Park Care & Rehab Center at the age of 82. Russ was born to Dr. Glen Russell Pierson Jr. and Rita Lee Bryant in Orlando, FL on August 4, 1942.

He graduated from Bishop Moore High School in 1960 where he was a star football player for the Hornets. Russ was inducted into the Bishop Moore Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. He went on to attend the University of Notre Dame where he played the position of halfback, but an injury prevented him from playing beyond his freshman year. Russ graduated from Notre Dame in 1964 and embarked on a lifelong career as a commodities broker.

From an early age, Russ was all boy and shared adventures with his buddies in Lake Sue and in undeveloped Mead Gardens -- getting stitches on a regular basis. He loved to fish and also excelled in swimming, track, basketball and was a rising football star as evidenced by the countless newspaper articles written about his instincts on the field. Russ was recognized as the highest scoring halfback in Central Florida High School Football while at Bishop Moore. Throughout his life, Russ loved talking football and predicting which teams would have winning seasons and go to the college bowls. He was a proud Fighting Irish and regularly wrote letters to the coaches offering tips on how they could improve their game.

Russ was much more than an athlete and football fan. He was a proud father to three daughters that he loved deeply. Russ, "RP", had the same loving heart for his six grandchildren. Most every conversation or departure ended with Russ saying "I love you" to his daughters and other family members. He lived life with purpose and everything that Russ did was well thought out and intentional. There was never a question of his thoughts or ideas on matters because he was rigorously honest and a straight shooter. Friends shared that Russ was always the smartest person in the room and that he was also humble. He was thoughtful and Russ's kind and personal cards were always the first to arrive on Christmas, birthdays, and other special occasions. Russ's faith and love for God was profound as he was deeply spiritual in his Catholic roots and also embraced other denominational beliefs.

For the last 45 years of his life, a primary focus of Russ's was helping those in the recovery community. He saved countless lives and was always present for those who were suffering and in need of wise counsel. Russ made the most of each day and lived One Day at A Time. He lived simply and enjoyed driving on back country roads to visit family. He loved seeing the wheat, corn, cattle, and other commodities.

Russ is survived by daughters Jennifer Pierson Trednick, Anne Elizabeth Pierson, and Lillian Pierson Ivanov (Vitaly); grandchildren Beau & Clara Trednick, Ryan & Patrick Lanser, and Ariana & Stasik Ivanov; Aunt Margie Bryant Gerber; sisters Pam Hardy (Marvin III), Denise Trumbo, and Ritsy Carpenter (Darrell); and countless nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, February 21st at 2pm at DeGusipe Funeral home - 9001

N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland 32751. As Russ would want, please dress

casually and wear blue,
green, and/or gold. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Russ's name
to the Pet Alliance of
Greater Orlando by visiting petallianceorlando.org or checks may be mailed to
333 S. Garland
Avenue, 13th floor, Orlando, FL 32801 - (407)418-0904. Russ loved animals,
especially his beloved
dog Ruby.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory
9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Tribute Wall

MO

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Russ 😞



Monica - August 03, 2025 at 08:54 PM

MF

“ Thinking of you Russ, your always going to be with us!



Monica Burck Good Friend - May 25, 2025 at 08:45 PM

SS

“ Jennifer, I am so so sorry for your loss. I have been friends with Glen's daughter for many, many years. I have watched her over the years and last several months and how she loved and took care of her daddy. RIP Mr. Glen. Love you Jennifer. ☐ Shelly

Shelly Simons - February 01, 2025 at 07:51 AM

BP

“ My dear friend Russ would always be sitting in that back chair ready to share his experience, strength and hope! He was always one of the first people to call and ask what I needed him to bring for our parties and bon fires. He would be the first to arrive and bring treats for my dogs. Always thanking us from his heart for opening our home to everyone. Yes he did send a hand written thank you card in the mail after every event thanking us. It will never be the same without Russ. We already had Christmas Eve bon fire without him and I'm here to tell you no matter how many people are here, I for one felt his absence. I'm blessed Russ for having you as part of my journey in this thing we call life. Say hi to everyone and save me a seat please! 🙏❤️🙏

Brenda Pepke - January 31, 2025 at 04:42 PM

MB



Monica Burck - February 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM

SC

“ Russ always made himself available to me whenever I needed a kind word, someone to talk to and yes I was also a recipient of his Christmas cards that came each year for many years. He was a dear close friend but I know he is with Jesus now. So his memory brings a smile even now. I am grateful I was instrumental in assuring he received Last Rights as he loved his Catholic faith. I hope I am blessed to see him again in heaven when God calls me home. I love you Russ. I miss your down to earth advice. You will not soon be forgotten in the recovery circles of the Orlando area.

Susan Cox - January 31, 2025 at 03:32 PM

MB



Monica Burck - February 01, 2025 at 06:31 PM

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Monica Burck - February 01, 2025 at 08:20 PM

KD

“ *What a wonderful life he led. I will miss hearing you... "Hi. My name's Russ".... Love you friend. 💙*

Kimberley Duncan - January 31, 2025 at 03:05 PM

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Monica Burck - February 01, 2025 at 06:33 PM

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Monica Burck - February 01, 2025 at 08:21 PM

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“ *I can't believe he's gone! My good friend. He was a very good friend to all. Russ loved, loved, loved his girls and their children and was so proud of all of them. Russ loved his sisters, their husbands and all their families.*

Russ never talked about himself but loved to talk about all their families accomplishments of children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Russ helped thousands of young and old, rich or poor, of all races and creed 🙏 overcome self centered and addictive behaviors.

Russ loved college football. Rest Russ Rest ❤️ Monica

Monica Burck - January 26, 2025 at 06:07 PM