



Cynthia Jean Pierson

September 15, 1957 - October 8, 2023

Cynthia “Cindy” Jean (Arbib) Pierson, age 66, of St. Ignace, Michigan, died on October 8, 2023, with friends and family by her side after a fierce battle with cancer. She was born on September 15, 1957, in Springfield, Illinois, to parents Eugene Arbib and Penny (Broida-Arbib) Wedding.

In her youth, Cindy split her time between her home state of Florida and Mackinac Island, where she worked at the family business during the summer. Having worked at Thunderbird Gifts since the age of 12, she was well-poised to take over the business as she grew into adulthood, successfully running the store for decades until the family sold the property in 2022.

She married the love of her life, Barry Pierson, in 1986 in St. Ignace, Michigan, where they raised their family. Her children and later grandchildren were the absolute light of her life.

Cindy had a passion for traveling, especially to any place where she could read a good book on a sandy beach. More than anything, though, Cindy loved her family. She devoted her time and energy to showering her family with love, making wonderful memories through the years with her husband and their sons. She will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her and leaves behind a legacy of love and strength.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Barry; children, Chase Pierson, Zachary (Kelsey) Pierson, Charlie (Christina) Pierson, and Hayley Pierson; grandchildren, Lucas and Madison, and siblings, Catherine Arbib, Allan Arbib, and Stephanie Arbib and mother, Penny Wedding.

Cindy is preceded in death by her father, Eugene.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, October 12, 2023, at Lakeside Cemetery in St. Ignace at 12:30 PM, and a luncheon to follow at the United Methodist Church in St Ignace.

Memorials in Cindy's memory may be left to the Mackinac Straits Health System Foundation at 1140 N State St, St. Ignace, MI 49781 or online at www.mackinacstraitshhealth.org/donate. A designation to the Oncology Department, who provided incredible care throughout Cindy's battle, or Hooping for a Cure, who provides financial assistance to local families battling cancer, would be Cindy's wishes.

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

St. Ignace, MI 49781

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **12**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Lakeside Cemetery - St. Ignace
W. Graham Ave.
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Barry, So sorry to hear of Cindy's passing. I did not know her well but she was always friendly and had a smile for you when stopping in her store. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark Mercer*

mark mercer - October 18, 2023 at 06:34 AM

LG

“ *Lara Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Cynthia Jean Pierson*



lara gustafson - October 11, 2023 at 09:41 PM

AC

“ *Andrew C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Jean Pierson.*

Andrew C. - October 11, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Jean Pierson.*



October 11, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cynthia Jean Pierson.

October 11, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Cynthia Jean Pierson.



October 11, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *Barry and family, I am so sorry for your loss. This truly saddened me. Cindy was one of the nicest people I had ever had the pleasure of working for and knowing. I always looked forward to stopping in her store years later just to say hi and catch up. I spent many years riding the ferry with her when you all were just babies. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Melanie Norburn - October 10, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Cynthia Jean Pierson.



October 10, 2023 at 05:40 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Backie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Cynthia Jean Pierson.*



Brenda Backie - October 10, 2023 at 05:35 PM

AC

“ *I'm, so saddened by the loss , of Cindy, and the heartbreart, you all are going thru. My heart aches.I am there in spirit, . Sending all my love.*
Andy

Andy Cohn - October 10, 2023 at 04:13 PM

LC

“ *Love you, Andy Cohn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cynthia Jean Pierson.*



Love you, Andy Cohn - October 10, 2023 at 04:05 PM