



# Nicholas Joseph Pierce

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Sometimes, when a person dies, it can be hard to think of them as a “good person.”

Not so with Nicholas Pierce.

The word that comes to mind is “mensch.”

It’s an old Yiddish term that means “someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character.”

That was Nick.

When his mother needed to de-stress, he took her on canoe rides on Pinewood Lake.

When his father needed help moving heavy objects due to a bad back, he jumped to it.

When his sister needed cheering up, he put chocolates under her door.

When his uncle needed help changing the oil in his car, he was always happy to do it, and he never asked for payment.

When another uncle who doesn’t drive needed somebody to visit him, Nick was the one who did.

When his grandparents needed help fixing a broken door, he came over with his tools and got it done.

When people were hungry, he would commandeer the kitchen in gourmet style, churning out – among other things – his famous breakfast burritos.

When co-workers needed somebody to show them how to do something, or help with car repairs, it was Nick. He could do it, because he was amazingly handy. Indeed, he was a bit of a mechanical genius.

He kept his commitments, he was on time and he was trustworthy.

Nobody who met him spoke poorly of him. His family liked to say that he was the one person of whom everybody had an equally high opinion, without exception.

Jesus said that people who are peacemakers, people who show mercy – these are the ones who will inherit the kingdom of God.

Nick fit this description too.

He was a bridge-builder in his family. When there was a conflict, he tried to understand both sides. He sought after peace.

By all who knew him, but especially his family, he is greatly missed. That missing will not end in a year, or ten years, or more.

In fact, our only real consolation in the face of this enormous loss is the firm Christian hope that we will greet Nick on that great day of resurrection in the age to come.

May it be so. Amen.

Nick is survived by his mother, Eileen Pierce; father, Jack Pierce; sister, Cathy Pierce; maternal grandparents, Lindy and Cathy Nidever; paternal grandmother, Gloria Pierce; uncles, Seth and Joseph Nidever; and a host of extended relatives as well as a community of friends whose lives he touched in so many meaningful ways.

Our family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a non-profit organization for suicide prevention, Save a Life Today SALT ([SALTKC.org](http://SALTKC.org)).

Thank you.

# Cemetery Details

## Delano Cemetery

627 Austin St  
Delano, CA 93215

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary  
531 California Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93304  
1 (661) 323-3339  
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

## Graveside Service

NOV 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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