



## Clara R. Pierson

November 3, 1934 - April 17, 2025

Clara Ruth Pierson, 90, of Havana, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at 2:27 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at her home. She was born on November 3, 1934 in Cuba, Illinois to Otis and Zora (Van Orter) Wilcoxon. She married Larry "Buck" Pierson on July 4, 1963 and he preceded her in death on May 26, 2022.

Clara is survived by her children, Billy Welbourne, Richy Welbourne, Mark Pierson, Robby (Chrissy West) Pierson, and Beckie (Allen Johnson) Beard; grandchildren, Regina Welbourne, Amber Masten, Melvin Welbourne, Billy Welbourne, Chris (Jessica Berardi) Welbourne, McKenzie Welbourne, Jay (Donna) Welbourne, Matthew (Kerri) Welbourne, Misty Welbourne, Christopher Welbourne, Dustin (Kelli Gosnell) Pierson, Robby Pierson, Alec Pierson, Josh West, Delaney (Dylan) Beach, and Sydney Beard; 27 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; siblings, Shelba Beck, Richard (Pauline Wilcoxon), and Clifford Wilcoxon; and many special nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sons, Melvin and Lloyd Welbourne; siblings, Neva Howerter, Thelma Harn, and Irene Harn; great-granddaughter, Alena Ruth Pierson; and great-grandson, William Welbourne.

Clara worked as a dietician at Mason District Hospital for many years. She enjoyed bingo, playing cards, and going to casinos to play the slot machines. Her other hobbies included bowling, traveling, puzzles, and shopping. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and raising her children and

grandchildren for 73 years.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at noon at the Lewistown VFW.

Memorial donations may be made in Clara's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences can be left for her family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **FW Post 5001-Lewistown**

1323 S Main  
Lewistown, IL 61542

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

**MAY 3.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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1323 S Main  
Lewistown, IL 61542

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *Sending condolences to the family, our thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**Tim Velva Fletcher** - April 23, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara R. Pierson.*



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April 23, 2025 at 01:13 PM



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

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April 23, 2025 at 01:13 PM

RQ

“ *RON AND BARB QUINONES lit a candle in memory of Clara Pierson*



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**RON AND BARB QUINONES** - April 23, 2025 at 11:53 AM

LM

“ *Lynne and Bob McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Pierson*



Lynne and Bob McDaniel - April 23, 2025 at 10:10 AM

LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Clara Pierson*



Larry and Mary Hundt - April 23, 2025 at 08:44 AM

CJ

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Ruth's family. My mom and Ruth were good friends and we were neighbors for many years. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many.*

Cathy Boyer Julius - April 23, 2025 at 12:07 AM

 Lanette Crum

“ *Lanette Crum lit a candle in memory of Clara Pierson*



Lanette Crum - April 22, 2025 at 11:26 PM

MI

“ Michele lit a candle in memory of Clara Pierson



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**Michele** - April 22, 2025 at 10:04 PM

CM

“ Cheri Wilcoxon Muller lit a candle in memory of Clara Pierson



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**Cheri Wilcoxon Muller** - April 22, 2025 at 09:53 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riggins lit a candle in memory of Clara R. Pierson



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**Cindy Riggins** - April 22, 2025 at 09:09 PM

DB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Delaney Beach - April 22, 2025 at 09:03 PM

MO

“ I grew up with Beckie and Robbie. Ruth was the sweetest woman and I will miss her.

Monica - April 22, 2025 at 08:24 PM

PR

“ So sorry for your loss. Ruth was such a sweet lady - my prayers to the family.



Penny Roch - April 22, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MW

“ Whee to start!! What a lady and heck of a bingo player. She'll be missed greatly. Knew the family and all the sisters. God bless and keep the faith. My condolences to all. Love Mary Woodruff

Mary S. Woodruff - April 22, 2025 at 06:25 PM

LK

“ So sorry to hear about Ruth’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She was a great lady.  
*Linda Knox (Van Houten)*

linda knox - April 22, 2025 at 05:03 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your family's loss! Buck & Lisa



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - April 22, 2025 at 04:47 PM

DC

“ Donna Clouse lit a candle in memory of Clara Pierson



Donna Clouse - April 22, 2025 at 03:47 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family ❤️



Dan and Chris Wilson - April 22, 2025 at 02:39 PM

PZ

“ Pam Peterson Ziegler lit a candle in memory of Clara Pierson



Pam Peterson Ziegler - April 22, 2025 at 02:32 PM

DB

“ I am so thankful this little old lady was my grandma and that I was so blessed to have had her as such for almost 30 years. That she got to be in my daughters life and how I was lucky enough to be able to watch her enjoy my baby girl.

I will miss her until I see her again. Love you Grandma Ruth 💔



Delaney Beach - April 22, 2025 at 02:22 PM

LS

“ Beckie and family, Our very deepest sympathy to everyone in the passing of Clara. Her amazing memory will live on through everyone. May God Watch Over Everyone During This Time In Your Lives. Lorenda and Alvin Spilker



Lorenda and Alvin Spilker - April 22, 2025 at 02:20 PM

BB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Beckie Beard** - April 22, 2025 at 01:49 PM