



Ray N. Pierson

April 11, 1939 - February 24, 2009

Ray Neil Pierson 69 of Princeton died Tuesday February 24, 2009 at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton.

He was born April 11, 1939, in Princeton to Joseph and Gladys (Jensen) Pierson. Ray graduated from Princeton High School in 1957 and worked for Jostens Inc. until 1975. He was then employed at the Bureau County Sheriff's Department for 20 years, retiring in 1995.

He was a member of the Princeton Moose Lodge # 1339 and the Generics Goodies Band. He was also a member of the Church of The Transfiguration. Ray was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.

Surviving are his best friends, Gary and Janet Swanson of Princeton; one sister Nelda Drake of Princeton; one brother, Roger (Helen) Pierson of Black River Falls, Wisconsin; three half sisters, Wanda Kerrick of Decatur, GA., Gladys Gibson of Union, NJ. and Virginia Kinsley of Princeton; three half brothers, Joe (Gail) Gibson of Ballston Lake, NY., Tom Gibson of Butner, NC, and Jerry Gibson of Shreveport, LA. Also surviving are cousins, nieces, and nephews. Many many friends loved Ray.

He was Preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Dorotha Nelson of Bossier City, LA. and Annabelle Lee of Kewanee; two half-brothers, Willie Gibson of KY. And Julius Gibson of Shreveport, LA.

Funeral services will be Saturday February 28, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Norberg Memorial Home, with Rev. Jon Olinger officiating Visitation will be Friday February 27, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial

will be in Prairie Repose Cemetery, Dover, IL. Memorials May be directed to the Bureau County Sheriff's DARE department. A Luncheon will be served at the Princeton Moose Lodge after the burial.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Repose

Dover, IL