



## James McGuire Pierce

August 17, 1958 - March 1, 2021

James McGuire Pierce died peacefully on Monday, March 1, at his home in Burtonsville, Maryland, age 62. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on August 17, 1958, the son of Edwin Hall Pierce, Jr. and Marie Zeller Pierce. James graduated from Darien High School, Connecticut, in 1976. His first job was at the Peak, a Spanish restaurant in Darien. This experience instilled a lifelong love of food and cooking. James later worked for Audio Techniques in Stamford, Connecticut, a distributor of premier audio equipment to music studios in the New York metropolitan area. He moved to York, Maine, where he worked as a carpenter's assistant, and, later, as a line cook at the Stage Neck Inn on York Harbor. James subsequently moved to Maryland where he took a sales position with Chesapeake Systems, a supplier of commercial heating, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment. He thrived at the company, earning a salesman of the year award, and oversaw new construction sales of data center design build work during the dot com boom.

Family and friends were important to James. During his years in Maine, he spent much of his time with his oldest brother and his family, becoming an integral part of their lives. In Maryland, James lived with a group of friends for more than a decade while also keeping in contact with several cousins who lived in the area. James loved to cook, especially for family gatherings. For many years he hosted seaside get-togethers with extended family and friends on Chincoteague Island in Virginia. He was also an avid reader and particularly well-versed in American and world history. James is survived by

two sisters and three brothers, Sally Pierce of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, Edwin Pierce, III of Cape Neddick, Maine, Susan Chana of Saugus, Massachusetts, Thomas Pierce of San Francisco, California, and Alan Pierce of Duxbury, Vermont.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *James McGuire Pierce*

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“ *To the family of James - I am so so sorry for your loss. Jim was my lifelong friend, and he will be so missed. I just discovered this sad news when trying to phone him and have just spoken to Alan. I am so sad and will pray for all of you guys. Jim was so much fun. Oh the laughter over so many years. He used to come and stay here in Newtown on the way to and from Maine for so many years. Oh dear. He will be missed and remembered with so much joy and laughter. I don't have a photo of Jim. Would you please send one to me? I will go and look in old manual photo albums and see but I surely don't have one from any recent years. Take care. Ann Hearn Ziluck Newtown CT 203-241-5940 cell*

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