

James Lorenzo (J L) Pierce Biography PDF Version March 1999

My father, **James Lorenzo (J L)⁵ Pierce** (Lorenzo D (L.D.II)⁴, Lorenzo D (L.D.)³, Andrew Jackson², Reuben¹) was born April 10, PRIVATE in Spearman, Hansford Co., TX. He married **Juanita Lois Faus**. She died July 29, 1995.

J.L. and Juanita (Faus) Pierce Story: JL Pierce son of L.D. Pierce and Jimmie Scott Pierce was born in Spearman in PRIVATE. He is a 1942 graduate of Spearman High. He spent most of his younger years working with his father on water wells and windmills. After High School he spent time in Holly, Colorado running a Pool Hall. J.L.'s mother died when he was 20, so he helped his dad raise his only sister Peggy (Ferguson).

During WW II, J.L. tried several times to join the service but was rejected because of a childhood accident that blinded him in one eye. So he was left home to take care of the girls and he did a good job. J.L. has one brother Bobby Jack Pierce of Amarillo TX, and one sister Peggy Ferguson, of Sun, AZ.

I, Juanita, the daughter of Rube and Julia Faus was born in Spearman in PRIVATE. I was raised in the back of Rube's Boot Shop. My dad, Rube Faus, has run Rube's Boot Shop for 47 years. For several years his family lived in the back of the "shop". One year was well remembered: it was spent in the Old Spearman Hotel. Mama (Julia Hibbs Faus) leased the hotel for one year. It was very cold and dark. We "kids" had to be quiet all the time.

I was very glad to move back home to the back of the boot shop. Daddy moved us to Amarillo in 1942. So most of my growing up years were spent in Amarillo Schools. We moved back home in 1948. No house could be found for us, so my folks bought a laundry with living quarters in one side and the laundry on the other side. I helped my mother in the Faus Laundry, until I married and left home. I have four sisters: Rosa Steele, Vernonia Oregon (retired to Gage Ok, deceased 1996), Ruby Saltness, Lubbock TX, Bertha Willison and Phyllis Mann both of Gage, OK. I have one brother Harry Faus, of Fountain Valley, CA.

J L and I married in 1952. We spent the first two years farming and Colorado, close to Ignacio. We made \$45 over our room and board, so we haven't tried

farming again. For the next couple of years, J L worked for Baker and Taylor Drilling Co. We traveled with the rig, which went to Springfield, CO, and Boise City, OK. We returned home and J L went to work for his dad LD Pierce and Pierce Water Well Service. We settled down raising a family: 3 Girls, Karon Hardy of Chesapeake VA, Jammie Pierce of Amarillo, TX, Rosa Roberts, of Chesapeake, VA; two sons: Lynn (LD) Pierce of Dallas TX, and Tylan Pierce of Spearman. We also helped raise two other boys: John Riley, and my nephew, Mike Pierce- (my sister Rosie's son). Mike lives in Gage OK and we last heard John Riley was living in the Victoria TX or Houston TX area.

J L bought Pierce Water Well Service from his dad in 1963. His dad's health got so bad he came to live with us in 1962. We lost him to death in 1971. We all loved him very much.

J L loves hunting, fishing, and riding the dune buggy at Wyonka Park in Oklahoma (the buggy was sold in the late 1970's) and he also loves going to the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico.

Juanita enjoyed fishing and the mountains. She was a Hansford County Historical Commissioner, and a volunteer ambulance driver, both which She

enjoyed doing very much. Juanita also carried the US Mail for 12 years running the mail route from Spearman to Gruver and Morse, then Stinnett and Back to Spearman. Juanita loved the prairies of our county and always talked about the birds, flowers, snow, and all things beautiful. Juanita discovered some rare "White" bluebonnets, and the State of Texas and Texas Highways Magazine came to collect specimens. We have four grand children: Shameka and Derek Hardy of Chesapeake VA, and Jessie and Austin Roberts, born in Spearman, and now living with Rosa their mother in Chesapeake, VA.

Editors Note from son LD Pierce: My mother Juanita Pierce died of cancer in 1995 and Jesse her granddaughter was the light of her life during her long one year decline into death from bone cancer. It was very painful and Jessie brought much joy and love into my dying mother's life. Juanita was diagnosed with cancer as being terminal in 1990, but she was a survivor, and took five years of chemotherapy to live. Juanita lived to see Jessie born and knew that she had another grandson on the way. Juanita was a tough lady, and died with grace and no pain thanks to the help of the Hansford Hospice, and the St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo TX. I especially want to thank Erin Bergin of

Hansford Hospice for all her help and comfort during the passing of my mother.
Other Note: She was followed to death by the passing of her sister Rosie Steele one less than one year later----also from cancer. By Juanita Pierce from Hansford County History Vol. 1 page 233 with additions and updates by son LD Pierce Dallas TX 1998

Obituary for Juanita Faus Pierce from The Spearman Reporter Statesman
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SPEARMAN Juanita Faus Pierce 61, died Friday July 28, 1995.

Services were held on Tues. August 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Union Church with the Rev. Dan Carter officiating. Burial was at Hansford Cemetery with Boxwell Brothers handling the arrangements. Mrs. Pierce was born in Spearman on December 15 PRIVATE, and was married to J.L. Pierce on July 5 1952 in Clovis, New Mexico. Juanita was a rural mail carrier for 16 years, a member of the Union Church of Spearman, was on the Hansford County historical Commission, and was an EMT Ambulance Driver and a Museum Volunteer. Juanita is survived by her husband; two sons; L.D. Pierce of Dallas, and Tylan Pierce of Spearman.;

three daughters, Jammie Pierce, Rosa Roberts of Spearman, and Karon P Hardy of Chesapeake, VA; her mother, Julia McManus of Gage OK, one brother Harry Faus of Fountain Valley CA, and four sisters, Rosa Steele, Ruby Saltness , and Phyllis Mann of Gage OK , and three grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to the Hansford Hospice or a favorite Charity. Juanita died in the St Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center Amarillo, Texas.

Casketbearers: Monty Ferguson, David Oakley, Ulysses Hardy, Derek Hardy, Ray Roberts. Larry McCoy Honorary Casketbearers: Tommy Jack Bruce, Bobby Jack Pierce, Billy Miller, W E Sparks, John Steele. Leroy Man, George Bushman, Tracy Mann, Kim Mann, Ruben Mann, David Pierce, Mike Pierce, Jody Willison, John Bushman, Tracy Vernon, Frank Salgado, Willie Salgado.