



## Mrs. Rhoda Dee Pierz of Marengo

July 7, 1950 - April 15, 2018

Rhoda Dee Pierz, 67, passed peacefully into the evening on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Rhoda was born on July 7, 1950. She was raised in Franklin Park, IL, and graduated from East Leyden High School in 1968. Growing up she spent many summers at the family Lodge on Milne Lake in Hayward, WI. Eventually, she and her first husband, Bob Poreda, moved to Hayward to live in the Little House, the family cabin on Bullhead Lake, with their 2 children, Brandi Joy and Jason B.

After living up north for 12 years, Rhoda returned to the Chicagoland area where she rejoined the family business, Coin Mechanisms, Inc., remarried and was widowed by her second husband, Michael Parratore, and established Odyssey Acres Alpaca Ranch in Marengo, IL. Rhoda and her companion, Frank, cared for and cherished several dogs, a cat, and 26 alpacas.

Rhoda was much loved by her family and friends for her kindness, love of life, and mischievous nature. Gramma Rhoda, also known as Grandma Castle House, adored her grandchildren. One would never escape Gramma's house without reassuring words and a big hug.

Rhoda is survived by her children, Brandi (nee Poreda) (Michael) Blaesing of

Loves Park, IL and Jason (Amanda) Poreda of Addison, IL; her brother Stanley (Suzanne) Pierz of Roselle, IL, and half-sister Sherry (Richard) Sneberger of Cave Creek, AZ; grandchildren Brenton "Renee", Gerek, and Clara Blaesing, and Elexa, Ethen, and Everet Poreda; her "Old Man" Frank "Spooky" Vitale; and "bonus" son Robert (Gina) Maida of Aurora, IL, many nieces, nephews, cousins, step-children/grandchildren, and many friends. Rhoda was preceded in death by her parents, Albin and Arline (nee Crutsinger) Pierz.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rhoda's name to:  
C&S Pet Rescue (501c), c/o Pet Vet Clinic, 11901 North Street, Huntley, Illinois, 60142; <https://www.petvetac.com>

Family and Friends will meet Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 12:00 Noon until time of funeral service at 3:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169. Immediately following the Memorial there will be a toast next door at The Assembly.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos. For further information about this funeral; please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

# Cemetery Details

**The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.**

2550 Hassell Road  
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
(847) 752-6444  
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com  
<http://MorizzoFuneralHome.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 21.** 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

**APR 21.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rhoda Dee Pierz of Marengo*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



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**sjd** - May 09, 2018 at 11:16 PM



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**SPOOKY** - May 06, 2018 at 01:36 PM

Gina  
Parratore

“ Yesterday was such a hard day saying good bye to my mother-in - law Rhoda Pierz. Even though you were my husbands step mom and not his birth mother you were the one who was always there for him, the one he came to for advice, the one he called mom. You were so love by us: your step children Chris Parratore, (Gina), Lisa McBride-Richmond (Daryl), and Adrianna Shea-Smith (Kenny) and your grand children David McBride, Chelsea Alexandria Parratore, Cameron Richmond, Joseph Collingbourne, Kayden Parratore, Dominic Richmond, and Giavonna Smith.

*Even though we did not get to see each other very often due to living far apart and other circumstances we were still Family!*

*Nothing and no one can change that!*

*We know that you loved us as much as we love you and that you will always be with us, on our minds and in our hearts!*

*I love these pictures of Rhoda from my wedding. I also love how even though she hated the color blue she still wore a blue necklace to go with our wedding colors.*

*It is memories like these that we will treasure forever!*

*Your Family Loves you Rhoda!*



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**Gina Parratore** - April 22, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rhoda Dee Pierz of Marengo.*



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April 20, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rhoda Dee Pierz of Marengo.*



April 20, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *With love, Uncle Stan and Aunt Suzi Pierz purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Rhoda Dee Pierz of Marengo.*



**With love, Uncle Stan and Aunt Suzi Pierz** - April 19, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ *To all of Rhoda's extended family, we give our sincere sympathies for the loss of an exceptional woman and someone who touched many lives.*  
*Joe and Chris Ferrantelli*

**Joe Ferrantelli** - April 19, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ *With love,Dine, Albin & Rob Pierz and Sam & Justin purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Rhoda Dee Pierz of Marengo.*



**With love,Dine, Albin & Rob Pierz and Sam & Justin** - April 19, 2018 at 07:06 PM

BB

“ My favorite memory of Rhoda was being in Chemistry class with her. She always came to class with this beautiful smile and cheerful disposition. I can still see her smiling face all these years later. Rest in peace, Rhoda.

Bill Broemm - April 19, 2018 at 04:37 PM

SS

After many years we were getting to know each other once again. Time just passed too quickly for the two of us. I still cannot get my head around her being gone.

sherry sneberger - April 19, 2018 at 09:57 PM



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Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 19, 2018 at 09:51 AM

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**frank** - April 18, 2018 at 01:17 AM

LB

“ Lisa Parratore McBride 💕💕

*In this past few days I was unable to post~ Saying Good Bye...It was not something I needed to do or wanted to do as of yet! Saying hello to so many wonderful memories I will cherish was my way to go!*

*Rho was so many things! First my friend! She welcomed me with open arms and a listening ear with no judgement at a very young age! I looked forward to her making my hair caramel every other week! 🤔*

*She started mothering me at the cusp of my awkward teenager years! She taught me to lead and never to follow! She called me on decisions before I could make them poorly, yet she would never make them for me! She showed me a powerful woman could also be gentle, kind, well wited and sarcastic as all be!*

*She never told me how to think, yet taught me how to think for my self! She always showed you how to be your own beautiful and when and how to fight like a Determined Woman!*

*As years went by the mother she became to me only got better with time! She was always a Warm and Funny phone call! She new how to kick your butt when needed with words alone! She was the first to congratulate on a job well done!*

*Her laughter was contagious and full hearted! Her passions and compassion we're rooted deep within her soul!*

*She was the color Purple...*

*Excentric, creative, funny, feisty and full of a love for life, family and friends!*

*I can honestly say I never met some one like Rhoda!!!*

*And I was blessed to have her apart of my family and blessed to be apart of hers!*

*God placed the perfect woman to cross so many peoples paths! The kind of person that just makes that very special Mark in your heart you could never forget!*

*With a heavey heart and a pondering soul...  
I think I'll just keep flooding my self with moment's and save  
Goodbye for another day!  
I love you Rho and God needed you home ~•~*

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**Lisa Parratore - Mc Bride** - April 17, 2018 at 04:21 PM

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**frank** - April 17, 2018 at 12:56 PM



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**Amanda Poreda** - April 17, 2018 at 02:17 PM

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**frank** - April 17, 2018 at 12:56 PM

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frank - April 17, 2018 at 12:40 PM

ST

“ So many wonderful memories of Rhoda that It's hard to pick a “favorite” moment, so here it goes. One story I've enjoyed telling over the years, dates back to when I was a teenager and thru the most EPIC party of all with the help of Jason of course. Jason was always the perfect guy to run security for our parties because 1) Most people were afraid of his country boy ass and 2) His connections. If parties ever got out of control, Jason would send a quick page on his handy little pager mounted to his zcavorichi wasteband, and within minutes “the cops” were there to clear the party and resume order. Our cops were no ordinary cops tho. Dressed head to toe in leather With only chain badges around their necks for identification and Harley's as their cruisers. Captain Rho would always enter the premises first followed by Luitenant Big Mike to make their presence known and then officers Spider, Officer Glow and several other deputies would do a walk thru and clear the party. Once the law removed the riff raft, we down with the Officers, finished the keg and lived happily ever after.

Steve Thomas - April 17, 2018 at 09:44 AM



Ha!! That's awesome

Amanda Poreda - April 17, 2018 at 02:18 PM

PK

“ So many wonderful memories of Rhoda. We had so much fun back in the day. Many hours spent hanging out on Budd Street, weeks spent in Hayward, and parties at Arlene's. We share the same birthday, she took me for my driver's license and stood up in my wedding. And she blessed me with an amazing niece and nephew. Rhoda was more than a sister-in-law, she was a true friend. Rhoda will always have a special place in my heart. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love always,  
Aunt Peg

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**Peggy Klimek** - April 17, 2018 at 07:13 AM

GM

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. Brandi and Jason, I don't know you, but I know of you. My heart goes out to you. I am so sorry. Georgine*

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**Georgine McHenry** - April 17, 2018 at 10:02 AM