



Stewart Grant Pierce

March 26, 1941 - January 17, 2026

Stewart Grant Pierce of Harlingen, Texas, passed away on January 17, 2026 at the age of 84.

He was born on March 26, 1941, in Wolsey, South Dakota, and moved to the Rio Grande Valley at a young age. Stewart was a proud Harlingen High School Cardinal, graduating in 1959. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Stephenson, for 63 years, and together they raised two sons.

Stewart attended Trinity College in San Antonio before entering the United States Air Force in 1961, where he served honorably for eight years. During his military service, he was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas; Warner Robins Air Force Base in Georgia; and San Pablo Air Base in Seville, Spain.

Following his military service, Stewart began a civilian career as a communications specialist contractor at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. He proudly served as a member of the NASA team supporting the Apollo 11 space mission and was recognized for his notable contributions to the first manned lunar landing. Stewart later continued his career with AT&T, retiring after many years of dedicated service. After many years in the Houston area, Stewart happily returned to the Rio Grande Valley to enjoy

nearly 20 years of retirement.

Stewart is survived by his wife, Marilyn Pierce of Harlingen; his sons, Stephen Pierce of Blanco, Texas, and Dennis Pierce of Georgetown, Texas; his sister, Barbara Morris of Shreveport, Louisiana; as well as four grandchildren and one great-grandson, all residing in Texas.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by those who loved him.