



## Lois Mae Pierson

May 19, 1920 - September 23, 2013

age 93, passed away suddenly on Monday, September 23, 2013, at her home in Sandia Park. She was born in 1920 in Illinois and grew up in Pennsylvania. Lois was a minister's daughter and developed a strong sense of Christian values that guided her entire life. She began her teaching career after graduating from Westminster College and, several years later, set out on her first adventure to French Cameroon to teach the children of missionaries. There she met Hugh O. Pierson and they soon married. After their return to the States, the first of five children, Hugh Jr., was born followed by Lois Karen, George Douglas, Patricia Rey, and Kenneth Robert. Each of the children was born in a different state, but the family established roots in the East Mountains in 1960. Lois resumed teaching at San Antonito Elementary School where she remained for 31 years. She influenced hundreds of children and left a lasting legacy. Lois and Hugh grieved the death of Hugh Jr. in 1968 and Patti in 1991. Lois helped Patti's husband, Curtis Johnson, raise their two children, Patrick and Hannah, as Curtis rebuilt his life in the East Mountains. She enjoyed spending time with all her family including: Doug's wife, Beth Leonard, and their daughter, Emma; Kenny's wife, Julie Ludwick, and their son, Alexander; and Lois Karen's husband, Nick Mullins. Lois considered Amy Robinson, and Curtis and Amy's daughter, Claire, as family. She is much loved by her family and will be greatly missed. Throughout her life, Lois was active in church life, cherished her friends, loved chocolate, was an avid reader, and never lost her sense of adventure. She explored the world with family and friends, going

from Alaska to the Amazon, China to Russia, proudly traveling to all seven continents. In her own words, Lois “lived until she died.” A celebration of her life was held at First Presbyterian Church on September 30, 2013, and her ashes were interred at Fairview Memorial Park. For anyone wishing to remember her through donations, contributions may be made to Hummingbird Music Camp Scholarship, 104 Hummingbird Lane, Jemez Springs, NM 87025.

# Cemetery Details

**Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery**

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I am sorry we were not at the service. I(Kathy West Wolf) just found out that Lois died. Sometimes my brothers are not great at communicating important events. I hope you all know how important your mom and the whole Pierson family is to us. I remember that your grandmother told my mom how lucky our grandmother was to have been so active and independent until the day she died and I know my mother would say the same to you now. As much as we all appreciate the opportunity to give back and care for my mother I know she is frustrated by the need to be cared for. Take care of each other and know that the the Pierson's will always be a part of the West family.

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**Kathy West Wolf** - October 27, 2013 at 10:50 PM

BM

“ Hi my name is Bertha Moya (Rael) I just found out on Sunday that Mrs. Pierson had passed away, I told my family and they were all very sad. I remember her when she used to come to San Antonito Elementary with things she had brought from Africa to share with us, but she was my sisters, brother, nephew and nieces teacher. She was a very kind person always patient and caring, my sympathy goes out to her family. God Bless all of you.

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**Bertha Moya** - October 22, 2013 at 07:38 AM

BE

“ I truly enjoyed being taught by Mrs. Pierson in the 3rd grade at San Antonito. She was a wonderful inspiration even as a young child. After growing up and having a family I would always see Mrs. Pierson and we would catch up with each other in our lives. I know that she will be missed greatly by all of her close family and friends alike. My deepest sympathy goes to all. I now have another angel watching over me.....

*Much love and hugs*

*Billie J (Reed) Ehle*

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**Billie J (reed) Ehle** - October 20, 2013 at 02:55 PM

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“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

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**FRENCH Funerals - Cremations** - October 18, 2013 at 05:59 PM