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**PIERSON-Rev. John W. Pierson**, age 46, passed away on December 14, 1992 at Northern Inyo Hospital in Bishop while visiting his classmate, Father Gerry Chavez. Born in Mississippi on March 14, 1946, **Rev. Pierson** was raised in Bakersfield by his parents, the late Dick **Pierson**, a police officer, and Eileen **Pierson**, a school teacher. They were members of St. Francis Catholic Church. **Rev. Pierson** attended St. Francis School, Ryan Seminary in Fresno from 1960-1966, St. **John's** Seminary in Camarillo from 1967-1969, and St. Patrick's Theology in Menlo Park from 1969-1972. He was ordained a priest in the Monterey Diocese in 1972, then served in the Monterey and Salinas areas. In 1980 he entered the U.S. Air Force as a Chaplain. **Rev. Pierson** served as a chaplain to the troops at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, during Desert Storm. His assignments included the Aleutian Islands, Travis Air Force Base, Rapid City, So. Dakota, and Germany. He retired from the Air Force on August 14, 1992 and was awaiting assignment as a V.A. Hospital chaplain. **N**

A Rosary will be said this Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Bishop. A Funeral Mass will be Monday, December 21 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Seaside, California. Graveside Services will be held Tuesday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park with Father Gerry officiating. Interment in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bakersfield, CA.

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