



## John Pierce, PhD

September 6, 1926 - January 11, 2013

John Pierce, PhD, age 86, of Mentor, passed Friday, Jan. 11, 2013. He was born Sept. 6, 1926, in Lakewood.

He was one of four children of Lena Grafton and Clyde Pierce. John grew up in Painesville and retired in Mentor. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Pierce; daughter, Dawn Pierce; brother, Frank Pierce, PhD; three nieces; and seven nephews.

John graduated from Harvey High School in 1944, and was in the World War II Navy V-12 program. He received his B.A. at Dartmouth College in 1947, and his M.A. and PhD from Ohio State University in 1959. John worked in the humanities and English departments of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where he received the Strosacker Teaching Award. He left University life for opportunities in advertising, where he received many awards and finally retired from Liggett-Stashower in Cleveland in 1988.

His greatest joy was volunteering for over 40 years in both Cleveland's Project: LEARN and Painesville's ABLE, helping people get their GED's and assisting all students to improve their skills. John was a longtime blood and organ donor.

The family is grateful for the caring and assistance from Hospice of the

Western Reserve. John's light will shine down on all of his family, friends, students, and colleagues. If you wish to honor John's memory, you may make a donation to your local library or favorite charity. Arrangements are entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Mentor.

Online obituary at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).