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In Memoriam

RICK PIERCE

WTCA member Northland Truss Systems, Inc. and the entire building components industry lost a good friend and lifelong supporter on August 25, 2003, when Rick A. Pierce died at the age of 48. Pierce, a Fargo, ND native, worked at Midway Distributing before assuming the position of assistant truss plant manager for Twin City Construction of Fargo in 1977. Pierce and three partners started Fargo Truss Systems in 1985. Pierce started his own company, Northland Truss Systems in 1992 and was currently the owner and manager of the Abercrombie and Fargo, ND locations.

Carol Cich, Pierce's sister and Northland's Office Manager, said, "Our family had traveled to Mayo Clinic on August 9 to celebrate Rick's birthday with him. Shortly after we arrived, the doctors said he could go home, there was nothing left to do and that he has weeks left. He has fought a hard battle against an impossible opponent. Rick called all the Northland managers together on August 11 to praise them for the job done during the construction season. Rick also said that he had done everything in his life he had wanted to do and had no regrets. He was a great husband, son, father, brother, grandfather and boss."

In a memo to Northland's vendors and customers, Pierce's wife Deborah noted, "We wish to thank you all for the prayers and memorials that were received in memory of Rick during our time of sorrow and grief. He will forever be in our hearts and his memory and past leadership will live on through us at Northland Truss Systems."

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