



David R. Rice

January 13, 1937 - June 22, 2023

David R. Rice, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather died June 23, 2023 at home, with family at his side.

He was born, the third of four sons, in Midway, Kentucky to Robert Lee Rice and Mary Catherine Wilson Rice. He is survived by brothers Robert (Jackie) Rice and Ted Rice and predeceased by Michael Rice. He met and married Martha Ann Greco. They were blessed with almost 59 wonderful years together. In 1965 they accepted a transfer to Cary with IBM which turned out to be a very good decision.

When David retired from IBM after 35 years, he did maintenance work at Tammy Lynn Center and then worked as a neighborhood handyman. Of course the family always had something that needed fixing or building. He often would pick up discarded items & fix them to give away or donate. It is inadequate to say he loved his family. He was always the first one to offer help or to just do what needed to be done. If your car was in the driveway very long, you would often find it washed!

David is survived by his loving wife Martha, his adored children and their spouses Angela (Ricky) Holloman, David Joseph (Donna) Rice, & Charles (Andrea) Rice, his grandchildren Brittany (Kevin) Soto, Celeste (Julia) Holloman, Katherine Rice, Rebekah Rice, Emily Rice, Alisha Rice, Joseph

Rice and Maria Rice. His precious great grandchildren, Vera, Wade and Milani brought even more joy to his life.

David was a loving, generous and faith filled man who every day tried to do his best for others. He will be greatly missed but happily remembered by family and friends.

David's funeral mass will be Saturday July 1st at 1:00 pm at Saint Michael Archangel Catholic Church in Cary, NC. Reception to follow

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
804 High House Rd.
Cary, NC 27513
<http://www.stmichaelcary.org/>

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *David would come back to Kentucky every summer and would come to his parents farm and work the whole time he was here he was such a giving hard working uncle, up to recent times he would always send birthday message and Christmas cards and would call often to check on his brother I sure will miss his calls,teddy*

teddy rice - July 01, 2023 at 09:25 AM

CM

“ *2 files added to the album family*



Catherine Myers - July 01, 2023 at 09:01 AM

CB

“ *David Rice was a great and kind individual, who was always willing to lend a helping hand to others. He will be missed in our Pamlico neighborhood. Praying for the family's peace and comfort in this time of loss. Craig Brewer*

Craig Brewer - June 30, 2023 at 11:40 AM

KQ

“ I will always cherish my moments with Mr. Rice. I've known him for a great many years. He was welcoming without fail. He was forever smiling. He was a positive, charitable tour de force for those around him. A man of faith, he radiated love for family, nature, and humankind. He gave freely of his time to help everyone he met. I will miss our casual encounters. Rest well Mr. Rice, you earned it.

Karen Quaintance - June 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM

TF

“ The Quaintance Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of David R. Rice.



The Quaintance Family - June 30, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David R. Rice.



June 30, 2023 at 09:11 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David R. Rice.



June 29, 2023 at 10:34 AM

EM

“ He was an amazing person and grandpa. I loved him so dearly. I will always miss him. He always was so thoughtful and caring. He taught me so many things growing up. He always fed the animals that lived outside, and took care of the yard. He was so kind to nature. He was very hardworking there was almost never a time he wasn't doing something to help someone out.. if he wasn't doing that then he was usually spending time with his family or enjoying nature. He was such a beautiful joyful soul to be around. I've had so many good memories with him that truly made my world a better place. I remember going to the beach and I remember when I went to Alaska and just out to get food or just going to stores with him was such a good time. I was always so grateful to have spent time with him, it was always such a great moment. He was so fun to be around and whenever he told a joke I'd laugh. He always wanted what was best for me and my future and was always so positive. He will always be in my heart and my thoughts. I love you forever Grandpa. May you rest in peace ☐ 🕊️

emily - June 28, 2023 at 08:54 PM

MH

“ It is my blessing to have known David and to have had such a friend. He was a great person and will be greatly missed. My sympathy to Martha and family.
Milton Hobgood

Milton Hobgood - June 27, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David R. Rice.



June 27, 2023 at 01:52 PM

CM

“ David will always be known as “Mr. Rice “ to the adult children who grew up on Pamlico Drive in Cary. He and my Dad, both retired IBMers, transferred to NC in the early 60’s. There was never a time he wasn’t outside doing yard work or puttering but it was always a joy to stop and talk with him. He always enjoyed hearing about our travels, about work and our big dogs. Mr. Rice was the quintessential kindest man and neighbor. Fast forward to the last 10 years and my brother and sister in law live in our family’s home. They have been blessed to call him their friend and true neighbor. He is and was a one of a kind. We should all aspire to be like him. Sympathy and prayers to Martha, Angela, David Joseph and Charles and their families.

Connie Castranio Mooney - June 27, 2023 at 09:04 AM

KR

“ I met "Uncle David" through his family when I married his nephew Robin. He was unhesitatingly gracious and kind. He and Martha made a point to visit us in Florida and always kept in touch making us feel included in his life.

Krista J Rice - June 27, 2023 at 08:41 AM

SG

“ I’ve known Angela for many years and had the privilege of seeing Mr Rice when visiting her at her childhood home, and at some special ocasiones in Walstonburg. Mr. Rice always greeted me with a warm smile, gave me a hug, and inquired about how my life was going. In each of these moments his gentle spirit made me feel loved. I will miss those moments and am very thankful for them.



Sheri Grace - June 27, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of David R. Rice.*



June 27, 2023 at 07:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David R. Rice.

June 27, 2023 at 07:14 AM



“ *Uncle David was such a special man. The nicest, kindest, most gentle giant. Always my favorite. I cherish my memories of him . I'll always love him dearly.*

Mary Stumph - June 27, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Mr Rice was the nicest and most gracious man I have ever met! He will be greatly missed*❤❤

Lee Moore - June 26, 2023 at 07:46 PM

JC

“ I grew up next door to Mr. Rice. I live next door now. Even at age 64, he was Mr. Rice, not David. Mr. Rice.

My favorite memory comes from March of 1974. NC State was playing Bill Walton and UCLA in the NCAA tournament. I was a huge State fan (this was well before I went to Duke). I played Nerf basketball in Mr. Rice's carport for two hours, listening to the game on a transistor radio - nervously shooting and pacing. Mr. Rice was busy with his normal Saturday chores, but somehow he put up with my 15 year old shenanigans. It was the longest time that I ever spent with Mr. Rice. 49 years later I still appreciate his time that day.

Incredible man, through and through

David, I'll see you on the other side.

John Francis Castranio - June 26, 2023 at 06:03 PM