



David Michel Rice

February 14, 1950 - August 31, 2023

David Michel Rice, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend left this world on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at the age of 73. He was born to John O and Helen Rice on February 14, 1950, in Somerset, KY.

As a young adult, David served his country in the Army Special Forces during Vietnam and was a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient. He was a jack of all trades and enjoyed working with his hands. He worked in various construction fields as a contractor. As time went on, he met his loving wife, Tanya, whom he married June 28, 2003, and shared this beautiful journey of life together.

In recent years David enjoyed spending time with many friends and his family. He made his own shooting range where he spent many hours. His grandchildren were all very dear to him. He loved spending time with each of them and passing on his knowledge and creativity. One of his favorite times of the year was spending Christmas Eve with his grandchildren and decorating, but mostly eating, Christmas cookies.

David is survived by his loving wife, Tanya A Rice; sons Kevin Rice (wife Mandy), Jami Morgan, and Kevin (wife Shannah Chisolm); brother Chester Rice; and sister Dianna Fox (husband Rod). He was predeceased by his parents, John and Helen Rice; his sons John Rice and David Rice, his

granddaughter Victoria Morgan and his mother in law Juanita Shepherd. He will forever be remembered as Papa Rice to his 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild: Savannah, Zane, Shaylin, Kamilliah and John Rice and Kevin Jr. and Karter Chisolm, and Rylan McEvoy.

David's life was a blessing, his memory a treasure to all who knew him.

The family will host friends and loved ones after the Memorial Service at 7519 SE Pine Island Road, Arcadia, FL 34266 from 5p-7p.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Michel Rice*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - September 05, 2023 at 08:27 PM



“ *Papa Rice*



Mandy Rice - September 05, 2023 at 07:03 PM

BH

“ Bernardette Howell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Michel Rice.

Bernardette Howell - September 05, 2023 at 03:40 PM

FM

“ Tanya and family, I am David's cousin Frances McCloud, on behalf of our family we send our deepest sympathies. Sounds like his life was just the way he wanted.



Frances McCloud - September 05, 2023 at 11:53 AM



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



September 04, 2023 at 12:08 PM



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

September 04, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Michel Rice.*



September 04, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *A great gregarious man, sense of humor like no one else, who liked, well, just about everyone, esp his horses, animals, family and extended.*

He is and always will be my first cousin.

Rest in the skies above. The rest of us will meet you above later.

Brenda Richardson Bowers - September 04, 2023 at 12:31 AM



“ *May the love of God bring you comfort at this sad time. Mr DR was always a hard worker and very nice neighbor. It was evident that he loved his wife, family and his animals. His passing is a loss to our community and we will be praying for comfort for Ms Tanya and the family. Steven and Becky Hall.*

Steve Hall - September 03, 2023 at 03:44 PM

DF

“ 5 files added to the album David - Early years



Dianna Fox - September 03, 2023 at 09:34 AM



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



September 02, 2023 at 01:28 PM



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HB

“ I met DR in 2002, when I was born. Dr was the best friend of my dad and vice versa, they met when they were in their 20's! I have learned a lot of things from him, he watched me grow up and took me in like if I was his family. Dr taught me how to shoot, ride horses, feed animals and most importantly life lessons. He wanted to see me succeed and go on the right path. Dr was like an uncle to me and a brother to my dad. Thank you for everything you've done for me and always looking out for me and my dad. I love you uncle Dr. God bless you.

Han Bolen - September 02, 2023 at 10:42 AM

SD

“ I met David (DR) in 2004, he gave me the opportunity to learn the Construction superintendent role in the shell construction field. He set me on a path to a career that has grown into a passion. with his history in the military and the construction field he became a mentor and my best friend. actually he is more than just my best friend, he was like a father, a brother and a brother at arms. he will be deeply missed, as i now have a hole in my heart . i will miss you my brother.



Scott Dunn - September 02, 2023 at 09:17 AM

MR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mandy Rice - September 01, 2023 at 08:59 PM

MA

David Rice(DR) was not just a friend he was family. My husband David and him were very good friends. He loved going to visit him and just talk for hours. Check out each other's new gun and do some target shooting. He will be dearly missed 💔

Maria Arguijo - September 02, 2023 at 10:50 AM