



Elwin James Rice

May 11, 1930 - November 20, 2018

Elwin James Rice, age 88, of Bristol, VA, passed away on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at Bristol Regional Medical Center. He was born on May 11, 1930 in Wellsboro, PA, a son of the late Edward Charles and Eunice Lila Hall Rice. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Lynn Townsend; three brothers, Leland, Ronald and Lloyd Rice.

Elwin was a veteran of the United States Army and was of the Methodist faith. He was a Real Estate Broker and was a member of the Masonic Lodge for sixty years. He loved traveling, guns, hunting, and motorcycle riding. He was a wonderful husband, father, and friend and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, June H. Rice; one son, Stephen Rice and wife Julann; one son-in-law, David Townsend; four grandchildren, David Rice, Stacie Jenkins and husband Kenny, Paige Mercer and husband Duane, and Alexander Townsend and wife Meredith; two great grandchildren, Cody Jenkins and Lynley Mercer; one sister, Connie McEwen; one brother, Edward Rice and wife Vicki; several nieces and nephews; and a host of special friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 2:00 PM at Brookdale Assisted Living with Chaplain Rex Ward officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Brookdale Assisted Living for all their love and care shown to Mr. Rice.

Arrangements especially for Mr. Rice and his family have been made through Oakley-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory.

Comments



“ June, my heart and prayers go out to you and your family. I lost Gordon 7 years ago so I have some idea of the emptiness you must be feeling! I can't help but think of the many New Year Eves we spent together! God bless you and your family!
Love, Barbara Secor

Barbara Secor - November 27, 2018 at 03:50 PM



“ My favorite childhood memory of my grandfather is listening to him sing 'Silver Bells' all summer long. As a little girl, I'd say "Grandpa, that's a Christmas song!", but he'd just smile and keep on singing it. If you hear it this Christmas season, think of him.

Stacie Jenkins - November 26, 2018 at 06:06 AM



“ Bernie Lankford lit a candle in memory of Elwin James Rice



Bernie Lankford - November 23, 2018 at 10:30 AM