



Gene Rice

September 6, 1942 - April 30, 2021

"The Man, The Nurturer, The Warrior"

The world lost a man of honor, valor, and courage Friday, April 30, 2021.

Mr. Gene Rice was born September 6, 1942, to Reverend James and Mrs. Lettice Rice, number five of seven children, in Mauvilla, Alabama. He accepted Christ and began his spiritual journey at an early age at Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Mauvilla. He was a skilled football player for Mattie T. Blount High School and a graduate of Cedar Grove Academy.

As a young lad, his calling was made evident. His adventurous and free spirited being manifested itself through his love of working with his hands. Gene was an innate craftsman who could be found repairing automobiles, reconstructing homes, and tinkering with broken objects.

His dexterous purpose continued into adulthood. Army Specialist (E-4) Gene Rice was a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and a mechanic for the Prichard Police Department following his military service. But one of his heart's passions was being on the road. He was an interstate trucker for over 30 years, largely as an owner operator and a smooth operator at that. His fellow peers gave him the moniker, "Mean Gene," due to his skilled and adept driving abilities; he could certainly handle

the road.

While his God-given trade was a passion, his family was his heart in its purest form. His wife and soulmate, Charlotte Rice, for 33 years was his prized treasure, and his daughters were his angels. His favorite pastimes were all about family: holidays spent with his wife, children, and grandchildren; trips to his native Mauvilla, Alabama to visit family; long talks with his siblings; and dancing to any tune with his loved ones.

Along with being a man's man and family man, he was a man of great, benevolent character. Kindness and he were synonymous. He would help anyone. The person did not matter; he only saw the need. As a community pillar, he was often seen helping a neighbor with a task; due to his southern gentility, he was known for assisting passing strangers; and because of his spiritual upbringing, he was viewed as a man of compassion.

His loving spirit and his will to fight to see another day will be deeply missed and remembered.

In glory, he has been welcomed home by his parents, Reverend James and Lettice Rice; his sisters, Jamesetta Mose, Janice Sims, and Carolyn Davis; his brothers, Clyde Rice and Edmond Rice.

On earth, he leaves his legacy to his wife Charlotte Rice; his five daughters, Sabrina Williams, Katrina Williams, Genelle Rice, Geneira Rice, and Geneia (Walter) Rice-Parker; six grandchildren, Zakyah Williams, Saige Hawkins, Jazenai Parker, Walter Parker Jr., Loyalty Parker, and Elijah Williams; his sister, Shirley (Quinton) Ross; two sisters-in-law, Velma Rice and Veronica Rice; two brothers-in-law, David Davis and Renard Mose.; two sons chosen with love, Jordan Johnson and Maurice Baxter, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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Wallace Funeral Directors - May 05, 2021 at 05:11 PM

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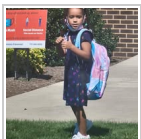
“ Gene was a friend of no equal. We were assigned to task force McDonald at duc pho Vietnam. I tried to find him for a long time via the internet. His name there was home, Grady dyes was killer, mine was chief. RIP gene.

george grimsley - July 20, 2025 at 02:39 PM

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George, thank you so much for your kind words and memories of my father. I am his youngest daughter Geneia. It is heartwarming to know that he has always been the great man that I known him to be. Thank you for serving our country along side him during those times.

Geneia Rice - August 17, 2025 at 01:54 AM



“ Sabrina and family,
My condolences to you and your family. I met Mr Gene once he was a very nice man. My prayers are with you. Dian (frick)

Di Ramsey - May 11, 2021 at 08:51 PM

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“ *Rice Family,
Our Deepest Condolences during this difficult
time, you are in our prayers, may God give
you the peace and comfort you need.
Anderson Family*



Christine Anderson - May 11, 2021 at 10:28 AM

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“ My name is Kenneth Rice ,and nephew of Gene Rice. I'm the 4th son from his older brother Clyde A Rice Sr, and my mother Veronica L. Rice.

Let me start by saying I can't share a memory of my Uncle Gene because there are so many and to try a pick one would not be easy also that would make all the other memories of him seem less important and nothing would be further from the truth. I have not had as many in my later years as there were in my early informative years like in most extended family relationships as we grow older time, distance and other responsibilities become obstructions to gathering together, and that is the saddest part of putting these words on paper. It means there will be no more memories made in person on this earth that will be the most painful part of all. I said all that to say this I should have made more time to visit to call to write by what ever means necessary because you never know when you won't have time so make time. What I will say when reading his his obituary all the words in it couldn't have sum up OUR Uncle Gene any better. My siblings Clyde A. Rice Jr, Rodney L. Rice, Marcus T. Rice, Myself, and my sister Dana N. Rice CarMon.

Anytime we would talk together about Uncle Gene all the quality mentioned in his obituary would be at the center of our conversation about him right after all the fun and very funny stuff of course all the Sundays we spend swimming at the creek run up and down hwy 45 in the big truck it made me fell 100 foot tall and yes bullet proof. Rest in peace, and say hello to everyone especially My dad and your big brother Clyde. I'm sure you guys will be having great times together again.

Kenneth Rice - May 11, 2021 at 02:14 AM

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Aww cousin, I am just seeing your comment. You may not remember me, but I am Geneia, Gene's youngest daughter. After he left it took a while for me to cope with losing him. It melts my heart knowing that the love for family he taught us growing up, he lived by. Hopefully we can get together in the near future!

Geneia Rice - August 17, 2025 at 01:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gene Rice.*



May 06, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Rice.*



May 06, 2021 at 09:50 AM