



Gerald "Jerry" Rice

September 11, 1942 - December 17, 2023

Gerald "Jerry" John Rice, age 81, of Bourbonnais, peacefully passed away the morning of Sunday, December 17, 2023.

He was born in Kankakee on September 11, 1942, the son of Merwin and Janet (Mann) Rice. On September 11, 1993, he married Marilyn Bergman at St. Mary's Chapel in Kankakee. Jerry worked as a railroad locomotive engineer for many years and was a part time farmer for 32 years. He also served on the Rockville Township Road Commissioner. He was a handyman; he enjoyed working outside in the shed, farming, and tractors. One of his passions in life was traveling the world, especially with his wife. They enjoyed Napa Valley, Vegas, and their favorite, New Orleans. Above all, he was a loving family man and loved spending quality time with his family and loved ones.

Jerry is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Marilyn Rice; two sons, Christopher (Lexi) Rice and Eric (Darla) Rice; stepchildren, Ronda Emory, Michelle Kyle, and Tanya (Brad) Conover; five siblings, James (Judi) Rice, Barbara Joanne Moran, Judy Harshbarger, Janice (Wayne) Blanchette, and Kathy (Dean) Haas; grandchildren, Derek Rice, Taylor Rice, Ryne Gross, Clayton Emory, Trace Conover, and Kayle Conover; two great-grandchildren, Ashland Gross and Beckett Gross; nephews, BJ (Lynnae) Uedelhofen and Richard (Sandy) Moran; and one great nephew, Logan Uedelhofen.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean Rice; and his parents.

Visitation for Gerald will be held at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno on Thursday, December 21, 2023, from 1:00PM until the memorial service at 4:00PM. Burial will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood at a later date.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 West Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Memorial Service

DEC 21. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



Michele
Kyle

“ Michele Kyle lit a candle in memory of Gerald
"Jerry" Rice



Michele Kyle - December 21, 2023 at 09:08 PM



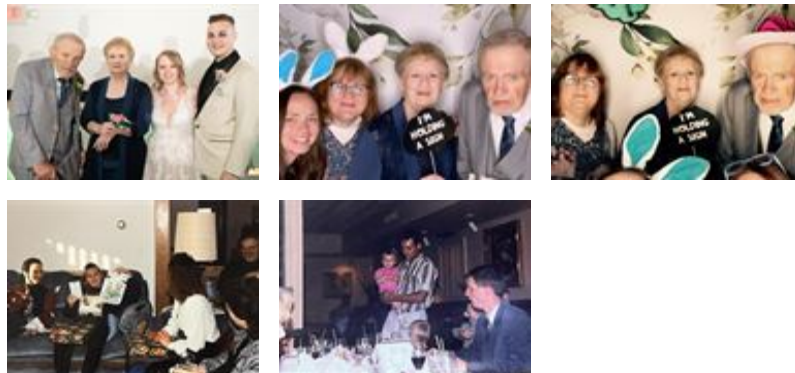
Michele
Kyle

*You will never be forgotten, our hearts are sadden by your passing.
You always where there for us when we needed you , and hope you
have found peace , and happeness with your loved ones in heaven for
one day we will meet again .. Love you always*

Michele Kyle - December 21, 2023 at 09:15 PM



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Brown Funeral Home - December 20, 2023 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Nora Cardosi lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Rice*



Nora Cardosi - December 20, 2023 at 03:13 PM

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“ *Jerry always had a big smile anytime i saw or met him and Marilyn. In our teenage years not sure if he knew it at the time , but him and Marilyn were dating, and Marilyn had his car one night, and she and I road around the square in Kankakee most of the night in his nice car. Im sure he wouldnt have minded, as thats the way Jerry was low key, and laid back.*

Carolyn Arseneau Cote - December 20, 2023 at 10:34 AM

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“ *I remember Jerry. He was in the same class as my brother Jim Crocker Jim died in 1995. My sympathy to the family. Carol Crocker Stump*

Carol Crocker Stump - December 19, 2023 at 09:26 PM

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“ *Jerry was such a great neighbor. I always enjoyed catching up while we were on our riding lawn mowers. He will be missed for sure*

Susan Flanigan - December 19, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Rice.*



December 19, 2023 at 08:48 PM