



William Marvin Rice

June 23, 1922 - January 1, 2015

William Marvin “Marvelous” Rice, 92, of Matthews, died January 1, 2015, at his home.

Bill was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 23, 1922, the son of George Richard Rice and Grace M Elsmore. His parents died from tuberculosis when he was young and he came under the care of loving foster parents who helped him grow to be the man he became. Bill worked for a time with the Civilian Conservation Corps in one of the many CCC camps setup in the Midwest before furthering his education and becoming an accountant where he worked in the hotel industry. He moved to San Francisco. On one of her trips to visit him in California, Bill’s sister came to visit him in California and brought with her a young woman named Gladys Roso. On April 6, 1960, he and Gladys were married by the local Justice of the Peace and then subsequently married within the Catholic church at St. Francis of Assisi in Huntington Beach, California. In 2002, Bill and Gladys moved to Charlotte where they could be closer to their daughter, Mari-Anne, and her family.

Bill enjoyed many things in life. He could be found spending time on the computer and enjoyed using Facebook. He also enjoyed photography. Most of all, though, Bill loved the time spent with family and friends, and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his wife, Gladys; three children: Daniel Rice of Anaheim, CA, James Rice (wife Crysti) of San Clemente, CA, and Mari-Anne Eisert (husband Jim) of Mint Hill, NC; five grandchildren: Tanya Marie Olafson (husband Michael) of Buckeye, AZ, Jillian Rice of San Clemente, David Diebold of Matthews, NC, Rachel Eisert of Mint Hill, and Jacob Eisert of Mint Hill; three great grandchildren: Paige and Alexis Olafson and Kaylee Diebold; a sister, June Willis (husband Allen) of Bodego Bay, CA; and a step brother, Alva Robinson (wife Diane) of Minnesota. Bill is further survived by numerous other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, May.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on January 22, 2015, at 2 pm at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. The family will receive friends for food and fellowship at their home immediately following the Mass.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church
8451 Idlewild Road
Charlotte, NC 28227
office@4sjnc.org
<http://4sjnc.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *William Marvin Rice*

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *William Marvin Rice*

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *James Rice lit a candle in memory of William Marvin Rice*



James Rice - August 11, 2016 at 12:26 AM



“ *Although it was only a few times, whenever I would visit "Uncle Bill" and "Aunt Gladys", he was so warm and inviting. He was an enjoyable person to visit with, expressed sincere care and made me feel special. People like him are too rare. I am sorry that the barrier of miles kept me from seeing more of him. My life would have benefitted had I known him more.*

Hank Roso - February 06, 2015 at 09:06 AM

Mari-Anne Eisert

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Mari-Anne Eisert - February 05, 2015 at 09:39 AM

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Mari-Anne Eisert - February 05, 2015 at 09:35 AM

Mari-Anne Eisert

“ *Mari-Anne Eisert lit a candle in memory of William Marvin Rice*



Mari-Anne Eisert - January 24, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Marvin Rice.*



January 20, 2015 at 12:41 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Marvin Rice.*



January 07, 2015 at 01:25 PM



“ *Carolyn Skillings lit a candle in memory of William Marvin Rice*



Carolyn Skillings - January 05, 2015 at 02:25 PM



Thank You!

Mari-Anne Eisert - January 06, 2015 at 02:56 PM

LB

My Uncle Bill was a wonderful man. I will always remember the summers I spent with him and my Aunt Gladys, Dan, Jim & Marianne when I was in elementary school. They were like my "second" family. He was so patient with all of us as young children. He will be missed, but he's in a much better place. I know with all his family around, they will adjust to his absence.

God Bless you all in this difficult time.

Love,

Linda (Willis) Baxter

Linda (Willis) Baxter - January 08, 2015 at 08:23 PM

RE

My heart aches for your family because I know how much you loved him. We are praying for you all to gain peace knowing where he is: in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ! I love you and am here any time you need anything!

God be with your family as you go this difficult adjustment.

With all my love and prayers,

Becki Eisert

Rebecca Eisert - January 09, 2015 at 12:50 PM