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A LIFE

What a comfort...
For us to know that our burden of grief
was shared by our family & friends.
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In Loving Memory of
William Roland "Billy" Rice
January 27, 1942 - November 6, 2023



Therefore we are

Always
Memories
confident

knowing that,
whilst we are at home in the body,
we are absent from the Lord.

(For we walk by faith & not by sight.)

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be

absent from the body:
and to be present with the Lord

Wherefore we labor that,
whether present or absent, we may be

accepted
of Him

- II Corinthians 5:6-9

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William Roland
"Billy" Rice

Graveside Service

11 o'clock in the morning
Friday, November 10, 2023
Elmhurst Cemetery

Officiating

Rev. Andrew Danals

Contributions

T.J. & Friends Foundation
PO Box 6161
Elberton, Georgia 30635

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Honor
Loving Memory

Mr. William Roland "Billy" Rice, 81, of Clairmont Avenue, Elberton, husband of 46 years to the late Patrica Lee Johnson Rice, passed away on Monday, November 6, 2023, at the Callie and John Rainey Hospice House in Anderson.

A lifelong resident of Elbert County, Billy was born on January 27, 1942, the fifth of seven children of Ralph Carlis Rice, Sr. and Annie Ruth Brown Rice. He started work at the Elberton Coca Cola plant as a delivery man and this led to a lifelong career in trucking. He used the foundation that was set for him to found and operate W.R. Rice Trucking Company, LLC for many years.

Billy was a member of Fortsonia Baptist Church. A hardworking man, he was never too busy to enjoy a game of golf or to spend the afternoon waiting for the fish to bite. Billy was an avid college football fan who especially enjoyed cheering for the Georgia Bulldogs. Besides spending time with his family, one of his favorite pastimes was watching western television shows with his beloved puppy in his lap.

Surviving are his sons and their wives: Philip and Rhonda Rice of Bowman and Scott and Rhonda Gunter of Elberton. Papa also leaves behind his grandchildren: Cadey Rice, Cody Gunter, and Clint and Ande Gunter; and great-grandchildren: Townsend Gunter and Birdie Rae Gunter.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings: Ralph Rice, Jean Seymour, Joyce Chastain, Beth Anderson, Alice Dye, and Kenny Rice.