



Wayne Melton Rice

August 3, 1949 - July 3, 2018

Wayne Melton Rice, 68 year old resident of Rose, Oklahoma, died on July 3, 2018 at his home. Born on August 3, 1949 in Wagoner, Oklahoma, he was the son of Earl Rice and Viginia Thornberg Rice. Wayne attended school in Siloam Springs, Arkansas for many years, before graduating from Fayetteville High School. He married Karen Rich on November 14, 1970 in Siloam Springs. Wayne worked for 20 years as a maintenance supervisor for Allen Canning Company. He also spent time working as a welder, machinist, farmer, and running a tire shop and enjoyed breakfast with the Siloam Springs Class of 1969. Wayne was a member of Lifepoint Fellowship in Kansas, Oklahoma. He was also a member of Tired Iron of the Ozarks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; three children, Anthony Rice and wife Sandra, Michelle Fowler and husband Max, and Joshua Rice and wife Abbey, all of Rose, Oklahoma; six grandchildren, Kristina Rice, Kyle Rice, Lisa Milner, Lacy Milner, Carson Rice, and Jebadiah Rice; one great grandchild on the way; two sisters, Carolyn Church and husband Stanley, and Sue Church and husband Dennis, all of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 6, 2018 at Lifepoint Fellowship at Kansas, Oklahoma, with Pastor Rex Blisard and Pastor George McFerron officiating. Burial will follow at Welch Prairie Cemetery in Rose.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 5, 2018 at

Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs.

Cemetery Details

Welch Prairie Cemetery

Rose, OK

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
441 U.S. 412
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-5131
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

LifePoint Fellowship
200 N. Mason
Kansas, OK 74347

Tribute Wall



“ *Wasson Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne Melton Rice*



Wasson Funeral Home - July 05, 2018 at 10:08 AM

CG

Karen I'm so sorry for your loss of Wayne. peace nd comfort to you nd your family

Carolyn gordon - July 06, 2018 at 06:35 PM

RL

My condolences Karen for the loss of your love. Will be thinking of you and your family. Ruby

Ruby Leroy - July 07, 2018 at 08:25 PM

HE

“ *Karen Fay, we were so sorry to hear about Wayne passing. We send our love to you and your family. May God comfort you as your life will be forever changed. Cherish all your precious memories. Take care and may God bless. Love Cecil and Hazel*

Hazel Edwards - July 17, 2018 at 01:37 PM

SK

“ *Karen, I'm so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Please know I'm thinking of you! ♡Sauce*

Susan Knight-Harder - July 11, 2018 at 11:48 AM

HM

“ *Hi-Lift Marina purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Wayne Melton Rice.*



Hi-Lift Marina - July 05, 2018 at 02:12 PM

PE

“ *Pipeline Employees purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Wayne Melton Rice.*



Pipeline Employees - July 05, 2018 at 12:52 PM

RJ

“ *Rick and judy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Wayne Melton Rice.*



Rick and judy - July 05, 2018 at 12:38 PM

HR

“ *Sweet Karen and Family, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Wayne. I am thinking about you and sending my love. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can do anything at all for you all.*

Heather Rutherford - July 05, 2018 at 10:54 AM

RV

“ Wayne Rice was MY FRIEND. I'm Proud of that Fact and feel that I'm a better man for it. Wayne's beautiful wife, Ms Karen, was a perfect fit for a man who's word was his bond and a hand shake was better than any piece of paper. We went to school together and I had lost contact with him for over 45 years. He and Ms Karen were invited by another classmate and they came. I'm not ashamed to say that I Loved Wayne and know he's with our Lord & Savior. Ms Karen & the Family are grieving but Wayne is rejoicing in GLORY. Heaven has got to be a wonderful place with souls like Wayne...

Randy Vohs - July 04, 2018 at 08:54 PM

DE

“ Praying for the entire family!! He was a sweet, kind man.



Deanna Evans - July 03, 2018 at 11:52 PM

BW

“ Barbara & David Wesner lit a candle in memory of Wayne Melton Rice



Barbara & David Wesner - July 03, 2018 at 09:03 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasson Funeral Home - July 03, 2018 at 06:21 PM