



Charles W. Rice

August 4, 1934 - December 14, 2020

Charles W. Rice, son of late Ellen Perry Rice & Frank Warren Rice was born in Novi, MI, Aug. 4, 1934 & passed away Dec. 14, 2020. Dear brother to Frank Warren (Betty), Marshall (Jan), & Rev. Dr. Philip (Charlene). Charles married Beverly May Wright Rice in 1956. In 1966 they settled in New Baltimore, MI. Charles' generous life will be forever cherished by his entire family, including his wife of 64 years & children; Charles David (Carole Woods), Elizabeth (Janet Neubecker) & Amy Rice-O'Rourke (David) & his grandchildren; Jesse & Isaac.

Charles graduated from Pontiac High in 1953. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1958. There he earned a degree in Urban Planning & Landscape Architecture, working in the field his entire career. He retired from the Macomb County Parks & Rec Dept. in 1996. There he worked for the Planning Commission & developed the Parks Dept. which created Freedom Hill. As a certified urban & community planner he sought to bring recreational places to Macomb County. Charles was very active in Boy Scouts, including his time in Sea Scouts; touring & training on The SSS Oneida; docked on the Clinton River. He continued Scouting with his son & grandsons, camping & shooting into his 80's.

He was a dedicated member of the United Methodist Church; active in Methodist Men, UMCOR, Nomads & many outreaches. He greatly enjoyed mission work; traveled to Haiti with Habitat for Humanity & helped whenever there was a need.

Charles enjoyed traveling, boating & spending time with his family. He imparts to his family a legacy of enjoying the great outdoors, the Great Lakes, Michigan's many parks & especially Lake St. Clair. His many trips included taking his wife to Paris for her birthday. His later years, he became the primary caregiver for Beverly who developed Alzheimer's. They lived together in their home until early 2020. His hard-working, pleasant, gentle attitude & sense of humor was enjoyed & will be cherished by all who knew him. A Memorial Service will take place in the spring. Memories are being gathered here: <https://www.gatheringus.com/memorial/charles-w-rice/6076>

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - January 25, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ With loving memories of "Charles Rice",

June 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Remember that we love and care about you. Charles will be missed but his memory will live on

January 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ In Memory of Charles Rice

December 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Tree are Dad's living legacy!

December 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Patrick for the lovely remark.

December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank You Kim. I means alot.

December 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I got to know Mr. Rice while working at Freedom Hill's Shakespeare On The Hill and working with Amy and Beth in community theatre. He was kind, smart and caring and will be missed by many. My prayers and sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

December 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear prayers and hugs to the family From the Alger Family

December 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Your spirit and love of the outdoors will live on. You faith has been and inspiration to many.

December 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Charles W. Rice

December 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss you

December 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *So many memories! Uncle Bing will live on in the lives of all those he touched.* ”

December 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM