



Ronald T. Rice

February 15, 1943 - March 16, 2026

Ronald Thomas Rice, of Chesterfield, Michigan, passed away on March 16, 2026, at the age of 83. He was born on February 15, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Russell and Anna Rice.

Ronald married the love of his life, Diane Elizabeth Boza, on January 9, 1965, at St. Raymond Church in Detroit. They shared 57 years together and raised three beloved children: Sheryl Ann, Steven Thomas, and Susanne Elizabeth. His beloved wife, Diane Elizabeth Rice, preceded him in death on October 14, 2023. Together, they built a life centered on family, love, and countless cherished memories.

Ronald proudly served in the U.S. Army from March 21, 1961, to February 21, 1964. During his service, he was part of Nuclear Weapons Maintenance and held the rank of Sergeant.

Ronald began working for Chrysler in 1964 as a tool and die maker and retired on June 30, 2007, after 43 years of dedicated service. He was known for his strong work ethic, craftsmanship, and pride in his work. Outside of his career, Ronald had a natural talent for fixing things and could often be found working on projects around the house. He was especially skilled in electrical work and enjoyed installing light fixtures and helping family and friends with repairs whenever they needed him.

A devoted family man, Ronald loved spending time with those he cared about most. He looked forward to celebrating birthdays, holidays, and special events with his children and grandchildren. Some of his favorite traditions included annual family trips to Frankenmuth for dinner and spontaneous day trips or overnight stays at the casino with Diane.

Ronald also enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. In his free time, he loved playing cards and gathering with his closest friends for card nights filled with laughter and friendly competition. Whether it was a family dinner, a holiday celebration, or a quiet evening with friends, Ronald valued the time he spent with the people he loved.

Ronald is survived by his children, Steven Thomas (Heidi) Rice and Susanne Rice. He was the loving father of the late Sheryl Ann Rice. He was the proud and devoted grandfather of Faith White, Macy Rice, Parker Rice, and Grace White.

He is also survived by his youngest brother, James Rice (Phoebe). He was preceded in death by his siblings, Russell Jr. Rice and Betty Rice, Robert Rice and Darlene Rice. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Visitation for Ronald will be from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at the Wasik Funeral Home located at 35259-23 Mile Road in New Baltimore.

Instate at 9:30 a.m. until a 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass on Friday, March 20, 2026 at St. Isidore Catholic Church located at 18201-23 Mile Road in Macomb.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Instate in church

MAR 20. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd.
Macomb, MI 48042

Funeral Mass

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd.
Macomb, MI 48042

Interment

MAR 20 (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery
18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Tribute Wall

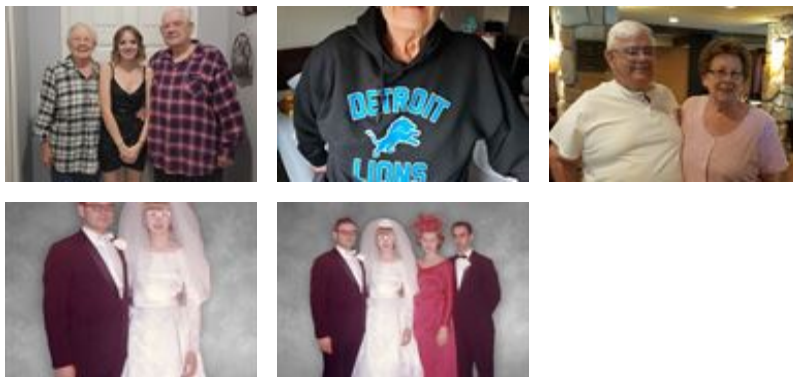
JA

“ Josh A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald T. Rice.

Josh A. - March 20 at 01:26 PM



“ 159 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 19 at 01:48 PM

TJ

“ I wish we could be there with you today to remember Uncle Ron. He was always larger than life in my eyes. I can still remember the nights that daddy, Ron and Jim would sit up, talk and reimnisce all night long when you guys would come to Kansas - so much love, laughter and oneriness!! Memories I will cherish forever. Love you all and am so sorry for your loss. Trish (Rice) Jackson

Trish Jackson - March 19 at 09:00 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald T. Rice.*



March 18 at 01:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald T. Rice.

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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald T. Rice.

March 18 at 08:50 AM



“ *I will be planting a tree in memory of Ron, Diane and Sheryl. They are all together now.*

Chris Boza - March 17 at 04:50 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories*



Chris Boza - March 17 at 04:16 PM

TF

“ The Grembi Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald T. Rice.



The Grembi Family - March 17 at 02:34 PM

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“ The Grembi Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald T. Rice.

The Grembi Family - March 17 at 02:34 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald T. Rice.



March 17 at 01:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald T. Rice.

March 17 at 01:33 PM

TJ

“ Tom & Karen Jiles purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ronald T. Rice.



Tom & Karen Jiles - March 17 at 12:42 PM

TJ

“ Tom & Karen Jiles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald T. Rice.

Tom & Karen Jiles - March 17 at 12:42 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Ronald T. Rice.



March 17 at 11:58 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ronald T. Rice.



March 16 at 07:26 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ronald T. Rice.



March 16 at 07:25 PM

SR

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Susanne Rice - March 16 at 05:05 PM