



James Ray Rice

July 30, 1930 - February 22, 2020

James R. Rice of Aldrich, son of Orville and Gladys Rice, was born in Aldrich on July 30, 1930 and passed away February 22, 2020 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mount Vernon.

James was a graduate of Aldrich High School. He married Arlene Byers July 18, 1950 and continued working at Bolivar Coca Cola until he was drafted into the United States Army. He served from 1952-1954 during the Korean War. Upon returning from the Army James began a lifelong career in sales. He was a salesman for Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company and Springfield Grocery. James later sold used cars for Press Montgomery Auto Sales and Mayse Motors, both in Springfield. After retiring James kept busy enjoying the home, taking care of Mutt, going to auctions and visiting flea markets in the area.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene; his parents; two brothers, Mac and Wayne; an infant sister Ella Mae; and niece Patricia Ann.

He is survived by nephews Gary Rice and Susan, Gene Rice and wife Linda, Rex Rice and wife Cindy; niece Kenna Lou Presley and husband Ray, and a host of great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for James Rice will be held Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11 Am at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will be held an hour prior. Burial will be held at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Aldrich, MO.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

South 33rd Road
Aldrich, MO 65601

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
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<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Ray Rice*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *James Ray Rice*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM

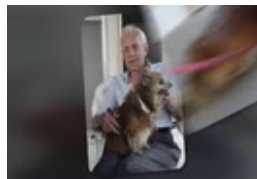


“ *Mr. Rice was a sweet, caring man. I am fortunate to have known him. His passing marks the end of an era. He will be missed - David H.*

David Houston - February 27, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



Taylor Howe - February 26, 2020 at 11:13 AM



Thank you for that beautiful video. James was such a good, kind and gentle man. Watching the video made me feel closer to him again for just a few minutes. Being with James was almost always a heart-lifting, sweet time. I am profoundly honored to have been his friend.

Karen Ellie Rose - February 26, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Ray Rice.



February 24, 2020 at 10:34 AM