



Melvin Donlad Rice, Sr.

June 7, 1943 - April 25, 2015

Melvin Donald Rice, Sr., was born June 7, 1943, in Irmo, South Carolina. He was the only child of the late John Henry and Neola Rhett Rice. On Sunday, April 25, 2015, he departed this earthly life to be with the Lord at his daughters' home in Conyers, Ga.

He graduated from Richlex High School in 1961 and shortly thereafter, met the love of his life Irene S. Rice and was married 50 beautiful years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and later he became affiliated with the Shriners Cairo Temple No. 125. During his affiliation he moved up to a 33rd degree and was a part of the motorcycle motor patrol.

Melvin retired from the South Carolina Department of School Transportation after 25 years of dedicated service as a school bus mechanic for Richland County School District 1 and 2.

As a child he was a member of St. Paul AME Church in Irmo, South Carolina. Once he was married, he transferred his membership to Piney Grove AME Church where he was a trustee, member of the usher board and Men's Choir.

Melvin loved to be around people and he truly loved his family. He never met a stranger and greeted everyone with a smile. His joyful personality shall always be remembered.

Melvin is preceded by the death of his wife, Irene S. Rice, sister, Rhudine

Harrell and brother Wallace Harris. Melvin is survived by his son, Melvin (Lisa) Rice Jr. of St. Marys, Georgia; daughter, Kendra M. Rice (Shawn) of Conyers, Georgia; grandson, Jared Rice of Charlotte, N.C., and several raised grandchildren; brother-in-law, John Spigner of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends, all of whom cared and love him deeply.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Donlad Rice, Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Cynthia C. Holsworth purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melvin Donlad Rice, Sr..*



Cynthia C. Holsworth - April 30, 2015 at 03:52 PM



“ *God is good...He will sustain you.
God is faithful...He will not forsake you.
God is loving...He will comfort you.*

You are in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.

*Reverend Dr. Derrick Scott &
St. Paul A.M.E. Church Family
Irmo, South Carolina*

St. Paul A.M.E. Church - April 30, 2015 at 11:31 AM