



Robert H. Rice

January 23, 1939 - November 19, 2019

Robert H. "Bob" Rice, 80 of Lewis Center, passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at home with his family by his side. He was born in Columbus, on January 23, 1939. Son of the late Harold E. Rice and Anne E. Rogos Camp. Graduated from Olentangy High School, Class of 1956, attended Ohio State University and then graduated from Findlay College, Class of 1961. He taught school at Mt. Sterling High School for a short time, and he spent years in the 1960's teaching at the Columbus State Institute. In 1964, he started a contracting business, Water Systems, Inc., with his friend William "Bill" C. Pullins. They met at a local company, Harris Mineral Wells, where they bottled soda pop and rejuvenated water softeners. Then in January 1975, Bob started a wholesale distribution company, Central Pump & Supply, Inc., and it continued until January 2005, when Bob and Rosemary officially retired. Preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary "Rose". After Rosemary passed, he focused on growing trees, working on his cars, Ford tractors and mowing grass. Survived by Children, Rhonda, Richard and Ron; Grandsons, Ryan and Ronald; Step-Grandchildren, Melissa, Robert, Richard and Missy (Braden and Cassie); Special Friends, Ernie, Kim, Kathy, Calvin, Larry, Linda, Barb and Darlene. A graveside service will be held Tuesday November 26, at 11 AM at Flint Cemetery: 8187 Flint Rd, Columbus, OH 43235.

Cemetery Details

Flint Cemetery

8187 Flint Rd.
Columbus, OH 43235
(614) 885-5033

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robert H. Rice*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *To Rhonda Richard & Ron,
I'm sorry for your loss. I hadn't seen Bob in many years but still think of him from time to time. I came to work for your family at Central Pump when Bob purchased the company I was working for. It was a difficult time as I was suddenly working for "the competition". But I'm glad it worked out that way. We were taken care of and given every opportunity to succeed. I didn't know it at the time but he was teaching me many things I still use today at work and home. I wish he and CP&S were still around! I have some very good memories of taking trips with him to trade shows as well.
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, God Bless!*

Ed Baldwin - November 27, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ *Rhonda and family...I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was such a wonderful neighbor. Our Dads are now in heaven as neighbors again. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you* ❤️🙏❤️🙏❤️

Janice VanSickle - November 23, 2019 at 08:04 PM

BB

“ *Ronda and Family,*

Bob was such a nice man. He would always greet me at church with a smile. He will be sadly missed by many.

Bruce Barber and Family

Bruce & Judy Barber - November 23, 2019 at 11:50 AM

DC

“ *I started out as his care giver but as time went on he no longer a client he became very very special to me..he had a special place in my heart. He will always be remember n loved...*
Darlene



Darlene Chatman - November 22, 2019 at 06:04 PM

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“ *Bob and I went through elementary and high school together, graduating in the Class of 1956. He was a regular attendee at class reunions until his health was failing. We will all miss him at these get togethers. Bob and my husband, Calvin, became good friends when Calvin started working for him after Calvin's early retirement.. Bob always treated Calvin well, as I am sure he did all his full time employees. He was a fair and good man and will be missed.*

ALICE GRAHAM - November 22, 2019 at 01:25 PM

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“ *Bob as I knew him was a very special man! He loved his family more than anything and was always available to them. I was very lucky to have been a part of that love! RIP you dear sweet man! I love you, Linda*

Linda - November 22, 2019 at 12:50 PM