



## Joseph DouL Rice

November 4, 1934 - December 1, 2020

Joseph DouL Rice, 86, of Altus, Arkansas died December 1, 2020. He was a retired Heavy Equipment Operator and Farmer. He was a member of the Cattlemen's Association, past Chairman of the Franklin County Democrat Committee, past member of Cass Job Corp Advisory Board and Member/Steward of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

He was past Grand Chaplin of the State of Arkansas Grand Lodge 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, past Master of the Ozark Masonic Lodge #79, Member of the Coal Hill Masonic Lodge #383 and a Charter Member of the Solomon Lodge #767 in St. Paul.

Through his accomplished expertise on operations of heavy equipment and his ability to work with people he helped to secure and achieve the completion of the Arkansas River Bridge at Ozark, I-40 Interstate in Franklin Country, Ozark Jetta Taylor Lock and Dam and Arkansas Nuclear One. He was born November 4, 1934 in Blytheville, Arkansas to Harry Ray and Mary Lora Cathrin Arnold Rice. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, L.T. Rice and Ray Hullen Rice; two sisters, Freda King and Loretta Conyers. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Martha Rice of Altus; three daughters, Sharon Farnam and husband Roger of Ozone, Arkansas, Jeannie Finley and husband Joe of Ozark, Arkansas and Charlotte Bugg and husband Ronny of Altus; two brothers, Vernon Rice and wife Pearl of Altus and Donald Rice and wife Norma of Plainview, Arkansas; grandchildren, Bobby Milam of Mississippi, Jamie Gilbert and husband Cody of Missouri, Leah Rene Garner

and husband Paul of Altus, Joseph Finley of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Lydia Lukins and husband Tylor of Ozark; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Friday December 4, 2020 at Houston Cemetery in Alix, Arkansas with Brother J. D. Ellison officiating under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Open viewing will be held Thursday December 3, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Shaffer Funeral Home 2315 West Commercial Street Ozark, Arkansas.

Serving as pallbearers; Ronny Bugg, Roger Farnam, Joe Finley, Joseph Finley, Paul Garner, Cody Gilbert, Tylor Lukins and Bobby Milam. Honorary Pallbearers; Jim Collins, Charles Murphy, Jody Ray, DeWayne Rice, Johnny Rice, Lonnie Turner, Ozark Masonic Lodge and Coal Hill Masonic Lodge.

To leave online condolences visit: [www.shafferfuneralhomeozark.com](http://www.shafferfuneralhomeozark.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Houston Cemetery  
Alix, AR 72820

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was my daddies angel 🙏🏻 now he's my angel 🙏🏻 I love and miss him more than anyone will ever know

Charlotte Bugg - June 03, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ Joseph Doul Rice

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM

BO

“ JD , was and will always be a special person in my life . Great friend of many years . he was a great man . i will miss his friendship forever .I have awesome memories of hunting and enjoying alot of great times with JD and Martha. I will love him forever . God bless Martha and the girls .

Bobby ONeal

BOBBY ONEAL - December 05, 2020 at 08:51 AM

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Thank you Bobby ONeal. We love you to. Dad thought alot of you.

Charlotte Bugg - June 03, 2025 at 10:47 PM

MI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man and tough as nails. Prayers for the entire family during this time. 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻

Marlana Cameron Ivy - December 04, 2020 at 10:21 PM

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*Thank you*

Charlotte Bugg - June 03, 2025 at 10:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joseph Doul Rice.*



December 04, 2020 at 11:38 AM

JW

“ *J D is my good friend and Brother. I'll keep so many memories of he and I jawin, laughin, as long as I live. He and Mrs. Martha were great neighbors to Diane and I here in Colorado for years. We love them both. So sorry for the family's loss: they're not many J D's walkin around anymore.*

*'May the present instance of mortality remind us of our own approaching fate; and by drawing our attention toward Thee, the only refuge in time of need induce us so to regulate our conduct here that when the moment of dissolution shall arrive at which we must quit this earthly scene, we may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom-there to enjoy that uninterrupted and unceasing felicity which is allotted to the souls of just men made perfect.'*

*..until then, dear brother-until then-farewell.*

Jody Wray - December 03, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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*Love you friend, until we see you again. Mom misses you guys and we do to.*

Charlotte Bugg - June 03, 2025 at 10:51 PM