



Mr. Billy Gene Rice

December 2, 1953 - October 25, 2018

Billy Gene Rice was born on December 2, 1953, to the union of Mr. Rettice Rice and Mrs. Flora B. Rice in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Billy accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age.

Billy received his formal education in the Milwaukee Public School System and graduated from North Division High School in 1971, where he was a proud "Blue Devil." After high school Billy attended Milwaukee Area Technical College, participating in an apprenticeship to become a journeyman machinist. In 1975, he completed the apprenticeship program and became a machinist with Harneschfeger Corporation in Milwaukee, WI. In 1981, Billy joined MCTS (Milwaukee County Transit System) as an operator/driver, until he decided it was time to join his beloved wife in retirement in February 2012.

On September 30, 1978, Billy was united in holy matrimony to the love of his life, Carla Harmon in Milwaukee. Their union was blessed with two beautiful daughters, Dana and Shelly.

Billy spent his life being a friend to any and everyone he encountered. There was no such thing as a stranger to Billy because once he befriended you, you became family. Billy has a large family, which he enjoyed spending as much time with as possible, special occasion or not. Family time was one of Billy's favorite pastimes; each person shared a special relationship with him. Billy and his brothers loved visiting with one another catching up, debating sporting events, showing off their rides, and bragging on whose was the cleanest. Billy adored his loving sisters, always knowing he could count on them for an

ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, and best of all a plate of food. Billy treated his nephews as his sons, proudly taking on the role of nurturing and guiding them to become the men they are today. Billy took pride in the title of "Uncle" by his many nieces whom he adored.

Billy also enjoyed helping his neighbors, barbecuing, gardening, hosting parties for any reason at all and being the life of the party all while wearing a smile and cracking a joke to make you smile too. We can't forget his love for an intense debate and being an amateur historian when it came to remembering anyone from the past, especially North Division.

Through Billy's journey, from his hard work and dedication to his family, his many hobbies and all his accomplishments, his real passion were his two daughters, Dana and Shelly, his two grandsons, Allen and Corey, and the newest additions, his granddaughter Brielle, and son-in-law Stevie Jones. Family was everything to Billy and it was evidenced in the way he lived his life by the things he found the most joy in.

Billy loved engaging in a good conversation, especially when he could lead you into one of his many tales and argue it until it had many, many more tales. Billy loved life and sharing his with others, known and unknown. May Billy forever be etched into our hearts.

Billy Gene Rice silently departed this life on Thursday, October 25, 2018. He was preceded in death by his loving mother, Flora B. Rice; loving father, Rettice Rice; loving brother, James Rice; and longtime best friend/brother Clarene Kern Jr. "Kern".

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 40 years, Carla Jean Rice; daughters, Shelly Rice and Dana (Stevie) Jones; Grandsons, Allen Johnson and Corey Johnson; Granddaughter, Brielle Carter, Milwaukee, WI; his loving sisters and brothers, Ann McCarthy of Chicago, IL, Floretta Rice, Vera Rice, Doreen (Daryl) Evans of Milwaukee, WI, Sarah (Robert) Story of Menifee, CA, Randy (Patricia) Rice of Virginia Beach, VA, Eric Rice, Tommy (Regina) Rice, Mary (John) Jackson, Odell (Paula) Rice, and Jeffrey Rice of Milwaukee, WI; mother and father-in-law Kenneth (Barbara) Oldham of Glendale, WI. He is

further survived by a host of loving uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Glen Oaks Cemetery

4533 N. Greenbay Ave.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Service

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jim and Donna Carroll purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Billy Gene Rice.*



Jim and Donna Carroll - November 02, 2018 at 01:01 PM

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“ *The Johnson Family (Marcus, Jan, Marcus II) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Billy Gene Rice.*



The Johnson Family (Marcus, Jan, Marcus II) - November 01, 2018 at 04:54 PM

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“ *Carla, Jim just told me about Billy and I wanted to send my deepest sympathies to you and your entire family. I will keep you and your entire family in my thoughts and prayers. Never easy losing a loved one and I pray that you will find the strength to get through this most difficult time.*
Madonna Ravet



Madonna Ravet - October 31, 2018 at 05:46 PM

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“ To Carla and the rest of the Rice family, I want to express my sincere condolences to you during this period of mourning on the tragic loss of Billy. I pray that you will find peace in knowing that Darkness may endure for a night but Joy will certainly come in the morning. God bless all of you.
Ricardo Roberts

Ricardo Roberts - October 30, 2018 at 11:40 PM

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“ To my dear cousin, I pray for God's love, peace and comfort to over take you and the family. Billy's great smile, warm laugh and gentle spirit will certainly be missed by our family, but its a blessing to know that his love, warmth and spirit will remain with you and in you forever!!



My condolences cuz and MUCH LOVE!!
Scott Love

Scott Love - October 30, 2018 at 01:18 PM