



Rodney L. Rice

March 10, 1946 - February 2, 2018

TRAVERSE CITY - Rodney L. Rice, age 71, passed away on February 2, 2018 in Traverse City Michigan.

Rod was born March 10, 1946 in Manistee County and spent his early years in Grawn. After high school he joined the Army and was stationed in South Korea.

Rod worked many years for Grand Traverse County and upon retirement he and his wife Marilyn bought the Karlin Inn. Rod enjoyed many years tending to his customers and retired a second time to do what he loved most, hunting and fishing. He also spent many days at his property in Interlochen taking care of his deer while doing a little farming.

Rod loved a good card game and enjoyed spending time with his brother Roger.

His family and many friends will remember him as a quiet man with a helpful heart, always willing to help someone in need.

Rod is survived by his wife, Marilyn and his two sons; Doug (Ricardo), and Tim (Nancy), grand-daughter, Cari Jane and step-grandchildren, Amber, Jaime, Eric and Macy. He is also survived by his brother, Roger (Carol) Rice, sister, Yvonne, brothers-in-law, Ray (Betty) Reamer, Bob (Bette Lou) Reamer, and sisters-in-law, Rosie (Ray) Duell, Doris Rodes and sister-in-law, Laura Reamer and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elery Rice and Glennagene Amidon, his sister, Yvette, brother-in-law's; Ralph Reamer and James Rodes.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, aides, and healthcare professionals for their generous care during Rod's final days.

A visitation for Rod will take place from 2:00 – 3:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with a memorial service beginning at 3:00 pm.

Tom Shelder will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Traverse Veterans Affair, 2650 Lafranier Road, Traverse City, MI 49686 or Hospice of Michigan, 10850 E Traverse Hwy #1155, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

FEB **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Comments



“ I am very saddened to have seen this obituary, however it is good to know that he is no longer suffering. I met Rodney while I worked at MTA in Traverse City. Rodney always came off a bit on the harsh side of things but eventually you learned, behind all the cursing, and a "no B.S." attitude. There was a very kind man with a heart of gold. A phrase he repeated often was "life in the fast lane"(there were a few others that I won't mention) He elaborated on that once to me stating that people are always too much in a rush to go nowhere. He told me that no matter how hard I work or how many hours I spend away from loved ones, you can never get that time back. Rodney will always hold a special place in my heart. A great man. My sincerest condolences to his family, and loved ones.

-Austin Waite

Austin T Waite - February 13, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ So very saddened to learn of Rodney's passing and Sincere Sympathy to his Family. His presence out at his property will be missed. Just came back from opening my house up there and first day there seen a herd of 10 to 12 deer in the front field behind the hill. He was a good neighbor and will be missed. So thankful he took the time to share his wisdom and love of the property with me during the time I call "the well scare." There weren't many conversations, just waves as he drove back to his property. I will always remember that one conversation, as I was preparing, to hit heads with the well people. He shared with me about my great aunt (Bessy Hulett) and a some of his memories on his property. Two of those I remember are the apple orchard area, he had fenced in for his wife because she liked to cook and bake with them, and the memory of his granddaughter learning to drive on the golf cart. He got a kick out of the electric fence sign i posted on the drive and I am sure he shook his head at times as he watched this city girl figure out the country. Hoping you have peace and comfort in the memories he left you and the love he had for his family.

Debbie Jewell - May 29, 2018 at 06:39 AM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Rod. I recall some comments that were made to me over the years, and I always appreciated the inquiries. One funny comment that I recall is that if someone was going to buy him dinner, don't fault him for ordering steak! For some reason that always stuck with me. Condolences to cousins Doug & Tim, and especially Aunt Mary in her time of great loss. I feel sad just writing this, but he is in a better place without pain.

Clint Reamer - February 07, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ I remember Rod from my parent's store, Nelson's Market, on Chum's Corner. I do remember him working for GT County. He was always very nice. So sorry for the family's loss.

Polly Gray - February 06, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ I have known Rodney for many years back when he got out of the army and i got out of the navy. we had a lot of great times together.you would never find a better friend. rembener cherry picking Rodney i'm sure you do. will miss you. Don Byers

Don Byers - February 05, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ Rod, was/is the only one who got away with so much, he always made sure he hassled me every time he seen me, (even on the phone), he always made sure Garry was taken care of, That meant that he had plenty of time for hunting and fishing!! When we were married Rod made sure that, I remembered Garry was busy!, that was very true especially the first year!!, We had came home to get married, we were staying with my Mom. Rodney came and got Garry's butt out of bed by waking everyone up, as Garry had pretty much just left Rods bar, he had been home about an hour, puking his gutts out, cause Rod had made sure he had a good time while he was out, ROD TOLD ME DON'T WORRY RED I GOT HIM!!! HE'LL BE ALRIGHT! and he always was!, Garry and Rod had a great friendship, Garry was always Honored to hang with Rod, (hunting, fishing, shooting the s___, or working on the property), it was always interesting, he will surely be missed, our thoughts and prayers to his family. Love to you all, Garry, Kelly, Jason, Megan and Mason

Kelly Lemcool - February 04, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ Tim, Cari, Amber and Jaime you are all in my Thoughts and Prayers Love Sheila Dinger

Sheila Dinger - February 04, 2018 at 02:18 PM