



## Gary R. Rice

January 25, 1944 - March 21, 2022

Gary R. Rice, 78, of North Tonawanda, went to his heavenly home on Monday, March 21, 2022, surrounded by family and under the care of Niagara Hospice. Gary was born in North Tonawanda on January 25, 1944 to Sidney and Velma (Summers) Rice. Gary retired from Durez Corporation in 1996, and was a member of Bible Presbyterian Church, where he was an usher, and Awana leader. He enjoyed volunteering at North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry for 20 years. Gary was predeceased by his brothers Robert (Carol) and James Rice.

Gary is survived by his wife of 57 years Susan M. (Holtz) Rice, sons Jeffrey (Sandra) and Rick (Stacy) Rice, brother Douglas (Jackie) Rice, and sister in law Dolly Rice. Papa to Zachary and Emma Rice, he also has several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 1 P.M. at Bible Presbyterian Church, 1650 Love Rd, Grand Island, NY 14072. Interment will be held privately at Elmlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry, 100 Ridge Rd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. [Wattengel.com](http://Wattengel.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Elmlawn Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Services**

MAR **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bible Presbyterian Church  
1650 Love Rd  
Grand Island, NY 14072

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ Asheville Radio Group purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gary R. Rice.



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**Asheville Radio Group** - March 30, 2022 at 01:35 PM

LD

“ Sending heartfelt sympathies to the Rice family. Mr. Rice was my dad's (Bud) partner at the food pantry. I never met you, but I feel like I know you through the stories and adventures you and he shared. He valued your friendship and will miss talking to you. Mr. Rice, you have entered eternal glory, and rest now in peace. With deepest sympathy,  
Yours in Christ,  
Laurie (Scheller) Deverell

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**Laurie (Scheller) Deverell** - March 24, 2022 at 03:30 PM

JK

*That is beautiful. Thank you for sharing! Please tell Bud, my uncle Gary enjoyed every minute at the food pantry. I'm sure in part because he was spending time with his buddies.*

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**jenna Koch** - March 25, 2022 at 07:46 AM

SR

*The special people at the food pantry spoke of all the good times around the donuts with Bud and Gary. Their mutual gifts benefitted many. But mostly each other. Praying for you both.*

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**susan rice** - March 25, 2022 at 06:38 PM

BF

“ *Sending my condolences to the family of Gary R Rice, My thoughts and prayers to all of you at this time.*

Brenda Freiert - March 24, 2022 at 02:10 PM

SR

*Thank you for your prayers Brenda*

susan rice - March 25, 2022 at 06:39 PM

JB

“ *He was a fine man, husband, and friend. He is now with our Lord.*

james brese - March 24, 2022 at 09:17 AM

SR

*Amen and thank you for your visit Jim*

susan rice - March 25, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Gary R. Rice.*



March 23, 2022 at 11:46 PM

JK

“ *One of the best! His infectious laugh will forever be remembered. Thank you Uncle Gary for all the memories! You will be missed.*



Jenna Koch - March 23, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary R. Rice.*



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March 23, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Wishing Sue and the family, peace, comfort, and lots of love at this time of sorrow. My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. Many will miss Gary.*

*Sue & Kelly Davidson*

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**Sue Davidson** - March 23, 2022 at 01:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary R. Rice.*



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March 23, 2022 at 11:17 AM