



Kenneth H Rice

May 2, 1939 - April 5, 2020

Kenneth H. Rice, Sarasota, FL, Born 5/2/39 to Margaret and George Rice in Evergreen Park, IL passed away 4/5/20 of pneumonia. Originally moving to Sarasota with his family in 1959, while still attending and graduating from Southern Illinois University in 1962, Ken began a 6-year stint in the Air Force Reserves in the Chicago area. He then worked for AAA and Follett Publishing Co in his love of maps. Ken and wife and children moved back to Sarasota in 1984 where he began a 31 year career in the home security field (Westec and Leader) before retiring in 2015. Ken, also known as Papa Smurf, enjoyed coin and stamp collecting, anything geographical (college major) sending in Publishers CH sweepstakes for over 53 years and watching any and all Chicago sports teams—go Bears! Religion and his relationship with God was a huge part of his life—he was always ready to help out his church and community in any capacity. We can't imagine a man being more loved by his family and friends than Ken was. He is survived by his wife of almost 52 years, Susan, his daughter and son-in-law Carol and Daryl Care, his son Steven, his grandson Chris Preston, his sister, Fay Rice (Geoff Morris), his dear buddy Sylvester the cat, all living in Sarasota, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was loved by all and considered a second father to many and will be missed by many more. Burial will be at Sarasota National Cemetery and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at Faith Lutheran Church

Comments



“ Dear Sue & Family

We are so sorry for your loss. Ken was a wonderful man.

I was so fortunate to have Ken as my good friend and coworker. He was truly a blessing in my life and I was honored to know him. I will miss him dearly.

Love, Cathy & Jim Crawford

Cathy Crawford - April 25, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Barbara Bolon lit a candle in memory of Kenneth H Rice



barbara bolon - April 20, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ Dear Sue

I for one who “ sits at the back of the bus” during Sunday church services, surely will miss Kenny. He was an inspiration, faithful, devoted member of the church and services. He was helpful and always ready to help. He was an integral part of the church services. He surely will be missed. I can envision him sitting in a special seat reserved just for him amongst us all. And so he will always be amongst us, remembered and cared for.

Congratulations on 52 years of marriage and all the wonderful memories that go along with it. Deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your “buddy” , partner and husband.

Gail Brown

Gail R. Brown, parishoner - April 20, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ Ken was an outstanding member of Faith Lutheran Church and always had a warm greeting for everyone on Sunday morning. He and Sue were at the heart of our church, and Ken will be dearly missed. His faith was strong and he is at peace now.

In thought and prayer. Karen & Jerry Kolschowsky

Karen Kolschowsky - April 17, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Shannon & Kevin Gallagher lit a candle in memory of Kenneth H Rice



Shannon & Kevin Gallagher - April 16, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ We were so glad to have gotten to visit Ken in the hospital before they stopped allowing visitors. It was a wonderful visit and we will cherish the conversation and the time we got to spend with him.... We are sending our love and hugs to the entire family.

Love,
Pete & Julie Ann Heinis



Peter & Julie Ann Heinis - April 15, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ I have been blessed to call Ken a second Dad since 1984 when his daughter Carol sat behind me in Ms. Stone’s History class in 8th grade....we very soon discovered that we only lived streets apart and I became a regular visitor to their home. Ken was one the kindest, gentlest, most non-judgmental men I have ever known. Never a cross word spoken and always a smile, a hug and a kiss on the cheek whenever we saw each other. My heart is broken for Mom - Sue, Carol, Steve, Chris and Aunt Fay. A huge loss for all of his family....and having lost my own father less than two years ago, I feel this loss deeply....for Carol and Steve and even for myself. I pray for God’s Peace, Comfort and Guidance for the family for now and for the days to come.... Cherish all of your memories and they will lead you all to be able to smile through the tears. With Much Love,

Julie (Lamb) Heinis



Julie (Lamb) Heinis - April 15, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth H Rice.



April 15, 2020 at 09:10 AM