



William Paul Rice Jr

September 5, 1943 - August 26, 2020

William Paul Rice Jr. 76 of New Concord, OH., Lost his long time battle with Parkinson's disease on August 26, 2020 at the Beckett House with his three children lovingly at his side.

If you knew Paul you know he lived his life the way he wanted to and liked to keep things simple. We wrote his obituary in Paul's style.

Paul was raised on his parents farm in New Concord. He loved being on that farm and told countless stories of his youth with his brother Dave and sister Marty. Paul was an ornery brother to Dave and told how he picked on Dave pretty hard during their early years and always laughed that one day he found himself up in the air and hanging by his belt in the barn when brother Dave got a little bigger and stronger.

He was a loving protector of his sister Marty and could be found holding her hand and walking her to class during recess when she was starting school and scared.

He cared for all types of farm animals and enjoyed showing horses in his youth at the county fair. He loved fair week as he and Dave got to sleep in the horse barn hay mounds for the week and spent many hours "cruising" the midway. He loved playing high school football and had many friendships that lasted a lifetime, he had classmates visit him regularly.

Paul went to the Navy after high school and served aboard the USS Warrington and USS Enterprise. He had many stories to tell of the ocean, the ships and of the ornery times he had with his shipmates. He loved to tell the

story of he and his shipmates saving Elvis Presley in a bar fight after a show one night and how thankful Elvis was and how he went on to be so famous. Paul came home from the Navy and tried factory life but the outdoors were his love and he started cutting timber as a young man. He was still cutting timber when he was afflicted with early onset Parkinson's disease and had to retire. Paul loved the ladies and was married to several beautiful women. He leaves behind his children, Tim (Charla) Rice, Tammy (Brad) Mathers and Ashley Rice; his brother Dave (Lou) Rice; his sister Marty (Lane) Garber; his grandchildren, Tyler (Bri) Rice, Teahl Rice (Qui Nguyen), Cole, Collin & Clay Mathers; and several cousins, nieces and nephews to mourn his loss. Paul was preceded in death by his parents William Paul Rice Sr. & Essie Lois (Satcher) Rice.

His children honor his free spirited ways and the hands on father he was. He enjoyed teaching them about animals, the outdoors and the ways of the world. He was full of knowledge and kindness. He was generous with what money he had and was always helping people. He would give his last dollar to a stranger if they needed it.

Paul loved everything about horses and was still working with horses in his retirement. He was injured by a young horse that required surgery on his shoulder and went to the Beckett House for rehab but wasn't able to recover with the Parkinson's disease.

Paul continued his ornery ways there and in true Paul fashion, had employees and residents both that loved him and mourn over his loss. Special thanks to Mindy and Chrissy for their loving ways with our Dad.

In keeping with Paul's wishes private graveside services have already taken place. In lieu of flowers Paul would love it if you planted a tree in his honor. Paul's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

At a later date

Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of William Paul Rice, Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Navy Veteran, William Paul Rice, Jr., is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 29, 2020 at 12:47 AM

DJ

“ *First day back in the States, I go to USO and reach for the door. Suddenly the door burst open and out walks Paul with a girl on each arm. Newport R I, in May, 1963. Rest in peace my friend. Denny Jameson*

Denny Jameson - August 28, 2020 at 09:27 AM

MI

“ *Always a smile on his face!! My prayers and thoughts go out to all of you!! RIP uncle Paul!!!*

Michelle - August 28, 2020 at 06:51 AM

CR

“ *Hi cousins, please know I am praying for you all at this time of loss. May God Almighty comfort you just as you need Him to.*
Carla (Johnson) Rouse

Carla Rouse - August 27, 2020 at 11:12 PM

KM

“ *Thinking of the family. Sending prayers!*
Kathy McCaslin

Kathy McCaslin - August 27, 2020 at 08:12 PM

DB

“ *A beautiful tribute to your dad. I'm sure he would be proud and happy with the words that were written to honor his life. Love and prayers.*



Debi Burnette - August 27, 2020 at 07:53 PM

YA

“ *Tammy and entire family, please accept our heartfelt condolence of your father's passing. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Wishing you strength and peace, You are in our thoughts and prayers. With Sympathy, Yvonne and Bob Adair*

Yvonne Adair - August 27, 2020 at 06:40 PM

VO

“ We send sincere condolences, Tim to you and all your family at the sad passing of your dear dad. The descriptions lovingly shared about his interesting life are priceless and he surely will be missed by many family, friends and members of his community. May his soul Rest In Peace! We hope you will be comforted by knowing that friends are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. With Sympathy, Van and Vicki Orians

Vicki/Van Orians - August 27, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SC

“ Sending lots of hugs and prayers for Tammy and the rest of the family. He was such a caring man. Sending lots of ❤️

Stacy Coss - August 27, 2020 at 05:17 PM

AR

“ I had the honor of caring for Paul at the Beckett House and he always put a smile on my face! He loved sharing stories about the farm and I loved listening to them. He will truly be missed! Tammy and family- my heart goes out to all of you who were so good to him! You guys were his rock and he loved you so much! May he rest easy! ❤️

Ashlie Allen, RN - August 27, 2020 at 05:00 PM

MW

“ My condolences for your loss. When I started working at the Beckett House Paul found out through a resident who my fathers was and we had some rather nice talks about his memories of my own father and it meant the world to me.
In the years to come I hope you find people who share with you what a wonderful person Paul was and cherish those memories because he was and will always be a special soul.

Margie Watson - August 27, 2020 at 04:36 PM

BR

“ My daughter and Ashley played softball together and Paul would come to the practices and games. He would asked me what I was cooking for dinner that day. I had told him once, that at times I would get caught up in reading a book and forget to start dinner and with my then husband due home, I would hurriedly put on a pot of water. I told Paul that in that pot of water ,dinner could be anything , mac and cheese, spaghetti , boiled potatoes for mashed potatoes ect. Paul got the biggest kick out that, telling me my possibilities were endless and I was good at covering my a** because I got caught up in a book.....when he would see me,he asked" you got that pot of water on?" Prayers to the family, so sorry for you loss.

Bonnie Roberts - August 27, 2020 at 04:08 PM