



Melville E. "Mel" Rice

September 2, 1937 - March 5, 2020

Melville E. "Mel" Rice, 82, of Bloomington passed away Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

Mel was born on September 2, 1937 in Bloomington, Indiana and was the son of Jesse E. and Alverta (Thunton) Rice. He married Thelma Kay Miller on July 2, 1960 in Bloomington, Indiana, they were happily married 59 years.

He was a US Navy Veteran serving during the Korean War. Mel worked for 42 years at Bloomington Limestone and Professional Golf Car and for the last 17 years he worked for Monroe County Solid Waste Management. He devoted his life to his family, he loved working, fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his family and friends. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

Mel is survived by his wife, Thelma Rice of Bloomington; two daughters, Cindy (Scott Doane) Cain of Bloomington; Glenda (Susan Adkins) Rice of Bloomington; two grandchildren Jeremy (Heather) Cain and Amanda (Greg) Southern both of Bloomington; and seven great grandchildren; Nicole, Samantha, Briar, Izabell, Hope, Abby and Cain; one sister, Mary Newlin of Bloomington; one brother, Roscoe (Grace) Rice of Bloomington and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private graveside service will be held at Garrison Chapel Cemetery.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and

friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

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“ He always was encouraging and smiling. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember when Glenda and I was followed by someone to their house. He took out of that door and was going to take care of everything! Much love and hugs to you all💕

Rita Moore (Bradley) - April 03, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a very special loving man. Very fond memories. ❤️

jetta fultz - March 29, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to all. So many memories of him at the games at BHSS during our high school days. Peace to all of the family. --Edie McNeely Henderson

Edie Henderson - March 29, 2020 at 09:15 AM

DW

“ Glenda:Just a note to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as i think of how special your dad was to me each and every time i saw or thought of him.He always loved talking about softball every time i brought it up.Thinking of you.Big dave williams.

david a williams - March 14, 2020 at 05:01 PM

TN

“ *Thelma,*

So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family.

Tana Nikirk

Tana Nikirk - March 12, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Melville E. "Mel" Rice.*



March 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

RP

“ *So deeply sorry to hear of Mel's passing. Such a nice man. He will be missed by all that knew him.*
Bruce & Rhea Pickett



Rhea Pickett - March 09, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JR

“ *Thelma & Family, I remember all the fun times that Andy and I had with you guys. Playing cards with you and laughing over some silly thing> you are in my thoughts and prayers*

Joan Ray - March 09, 2020 at 08:15 AM