



Mr. Graham Franklin "Happy" Rice

July 23, 1917 - April 22, 2013

Graham Franklin "Happy" Rice, age 95, of Woodleaf, NC passed away Monday, April 22, 2013 at his residence.

He was born July 23, 1917 the son of the late William Luther Rice and Sally Elizabeth Watson Rice. Happy was a graduate of Woodleaf High School and a Veteran of the US Army serving in the European Theatre during WWII. In Mr. Rice's early years he worked for Raleigh Granite Company which later was Martin Marietta Company. Mr. Rice was a farmer and raised beef cattle. He was a member of Unity Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Beverly Ragsdale Rice whom he married on August 8, 1938 and died July 28, 1993; sister, Helen Everhardt; and brother, William Melvin "Shorty" Rice.

Those left to cherish his memories include his nephews, Allen Rice, Nelson Everhardt, Billy Everhardt; niece, Rita Everhardt Smyre; good friend, Muriel Campbell and her daughters, Susan Myers and Debbie Miller; along with many friends and neighbors who loved him. Many special thanks to Susan, Kevin and Allison Lankford, David Hastings, Renae and Steve Kluttz, and Tony Padgett who helped care for Happy and to the loving caregivers from Home Instead and Rowan Hospice and Palliative Care who helped make his last days more comfortable.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 1-2PM at Unity Presbyterian Church with funeral service following at 2PM with Rev. Phil Hagan officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery with Military Honors by the Rowan County Honor Guard. .

Memorials may be made to Unity Presbyterian Church, Post Office Box 28 Woodleaf, NC 27054.

Cemetery Details

Unity Presbyterian Church

885 Woodleaf Barber Rd.
Woodleaf, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Unity Presbyterian Church
885 Woodleaf Barber Rd.
Woodleaf, NC 27054

Service

APR **24**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Graham Franklin "Happy" Rice.*



April 23, 2013 at 02:27 PM



“ *Mike, Lori and Kristen Campbell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Graham Franklin "Happy" Rice.*



Mike, Lori and Kristen Campbell - April 23, 2013 at 02:26 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Graham Franklin "Happy" Rice.*



April 23, 2013 at 12:31 PM



“ *Vickie Eddleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Graham Franklin "Happy" Rice*



Vickie Eddleman - April 23, 2013 at 08:41 AM