



Russell Lee Rice

January 23, 1924 - August 29, 2009

Mr. Russell Lee Rice, 85, of Salisbury, passed away on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at his residence.

Born January 23, 1924 in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Ernest E. Rice and Addie Lyerly Rice. He was educated at Mount Ulla High School.

Mr. Rice was a veteran of the US Army, having served in Europe during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He retired from Celanese in 1985.

He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rice was a member and Past Master of the Scotch-Ireland Masonic Lodge, a member of the Harold B. Jarrett American Legion, a member of the VFW, a member of the Shriners of North Carolina, Rowan Shrine Club, a former member of Ivanhoe Hunting Club and a member of the York Rites.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ernest "Bill" Rice, John E. Rice, and Lonnie Lyerly Rice; and sisters, Agnes R. Mesimer and Sallie R. Torrence.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years, Betty Lou Gobble Rice, whom he married October 30, 1954; a daughter, Betty Jo "Jody" Rice of

Knightdale, NC; sister, Margaret R. Owen and husband Charles T., and sister-in-law, Naomi Scruggs Rice, all of Salisbury; brother in law Norman and Connie Gobble, Arlington, TN, brother- in -law Jim and Sue Gobble, Dumfries, VA and sister- in -law Pat Gobble, Jefferson, NC, sister -in -law Sally and Robert Chillcott, Salisbury; and a number of nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends at Summersett Funeral Home Monday, August 31st from 6-8 PM and on Tuesday, September 1st from 1-2 pm in the church parlor.

The service honoring Mr. Rice will be held on Tuesday, September 1st at 2 PM at Salem Lutheran Church with the Rev, Donald M. Phillips and Rev. Doug Hefner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Salem Lutheran Church 5080 Sherrills Ford Road Salisbury, NC 28147, or Rowan Regional Hospice 720 Grove St. Salisbury, NC 28144, or to the charity of choice.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Rice family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I am sorry I wasn't able to come to visitation or the funeral. May the Lord give you His strength and peace.*

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“ *Dear Betty Lou,*

I am so sorry to hear about Russell - my heart goes out to you.

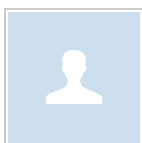
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“ *Words seem inadequate at a time like this. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. You have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Michael & Donna Torrence##imported-end##*

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