



## Roger Roland Rice Sr.

September 29, 1940 - March 4, 2024

Roger Roland Rice Sr., the beloved husband of Kathy Rice, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the age of 83. Roger was born on September 29, 1940, to Paul and Mary Rice in Newark, Ohio. He served 2 years in the army and was stationed in Luxenberg Germany. He went on to marry Miss. Kathryn (Kathy) Robinson. They were married for 41 years. Prior to retirement, he worked for 58 years total for B.O.C. Gases, 38 years as the regional Atlantic area manager and another 20 as a consultant. He worked there for so long that he saw the company change hands several times, Airco, then B.O.C. And Linde, but he remained the constant. He loved his job. Roger and Kathy made their home in The Villages, Florida. They were members at Living Grace Church in Leesburg. Over the years Roger was active in the church as a Sunday School teacher, Royal Ranger leader, board member and went on mission trips. He loved spending time in the mountains of Tennessee. He loved to go on cruises and spend his winters in Vero Beach Florida walking the beach before moving to the Villages. He enjoyed going to concerts and loved Southern gospel music. He was a devoted father, stepfather, and grandfather and loved his family very much.

Roger is survived by his loving wife Kathy, his children Lisa Rice of Tampa Florida, Mande Passaro of Clearwater Florida, Kim (Dan) Bellis of Windermere Florida, Roger (Carolyn) Rice Jr. of Avon Lake Ohio, and

stepdaughter Lisa (Raymond) Weyand of East Liverpool Ohio. Ten grandchildren Joshua( Erin )Balmenti, Tim ( Helign), Green Zachary(Amanda) Weyand, Cory Weyand, Kyle Weyand, Gianna Passaro, Christian Passaro, Marley Fishman, Brooks Ritchie, Baylor Ritchie, and thee great-grandchildren. His five sisters Barbara Shurtleff, Darleen Yeatts, Nancy Peterson, Margrett Adkison, Charlotte Pickett and two brothers Jimmy and John Rice.

He is pre-deceased by his parents Paul and Mary Rice, his brothers Ricky and David and his sister Faith.

A visitation service will be held at Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel in Ocala, Florida on Thursday, March 7th from 4 pm to 6 pm.

A graveside service will be held at The Fellowship Cemetery in Wimauma, Florida on Friday, March 8th, 2024 at noon.

Online condolences can be given at [www.RobertsFunerals.com/obituaries](http://www.RobertsFunerals.com/obituaries).

# Cemetery Details

## **Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church and Cemetery**

10232 FL-674, Wimauma, FL 33598  
Wimauma, FL 33598

# Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Roger Roland Rice Sr.*



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**Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations** - March 07, 2024 at 02:13 PM

CB

*Wish I could have been there. Praying for everyone. He was so loved.*

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**Christina Rice Breeden** - March 08, 2024 at 11:40 AM

RI

“ *My very sincere and deepest condolences on the loss of Roger, Sr., to his beloved wife, Kathy, his children, his siblings and all his precious family. May you always be comforted by all the wonderful memories of the years you all spent together. Blessings!*

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**Robert lovino-Zuniga** - March 08, 2024 at 09:48 PM

DR

“ *Roger was more than my brother-in-law. To me he was another brother. He had a great sense of humor which I enjoyed dearly. He had a kind heart and gave freely. He always made everyone feel welcome. Roger will be missed but not forgotten. He's now in a better place without pain or sickness. A place where we all wish to be. Roger, I'll see you again some day.*

*David Robinson*

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**David M Robinson** - March 07, 2024 at 07:03 PM

KR

*Uncle Roger was a kind and good man. He was always so supportive and honestly interested in my life and career. He was a devoted father and husband, and a wonderful brother in law to my parents and the rest of the Robinson clan. I will miss him. Rest easy, Uncle, your earthly work is done. Until we meet again.*

*Kelly Reed*

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**Kelly R. Reed** - March 08, 2024 at 11:19 AM

JB

*I'm so sorry to learn of Roger's passing, but so happy that he is no longer suffering and in a place we all wish we could be. I met Roger and Pat at you young age of 12, as our neighbor's. I love your Family and so sorry we lost contact with one another, but I have very memories that are dear to me! Roger you will never be forgotten and I will see you again one day! Janet Geiger Barbon*

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**Janet Geiger Barbon** - March 10, 2024 at 11:26 PM

DF

“ *Darlene Yeatts, Komer Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Roland Rice Sr..*



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**Darlene Yeatts, Komer Family** - March 07, 2024 at 02:46 PM

MO

“ I was just a kid when I first met Roger in the early 80s, but I noticed right away that he was unlike anyone else in our family. He was quiet and calm, patient and steady. I remember feeling worried for him—like in the children’s book *Where the Wild Things Are*—that the Robinsons would eat him up. I thought the cacophony of nine simultaneous sibling conversations at our potlucks would be too much. I thought that having no choice but to learn the latest line dance and perform it for three hours in a basement rec room would make him so uncomfortable that it would send him packing. But it didn’t. He stayed. And there were times I would see him smile or quietly chuckle, and I was relieved to see that he not only understood the chaos, he was happy to be a part of it. He filled up the quite space that was missing and he made everyone the better for it.

*Love to you and all your family.  
—your niece Michelle*

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**Michelle Reed Oppenheimer** - March 07, 2024 at 02:36 PM

SY

“ Susan Yeatts purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Roger Roland Rice Sr..



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**Susan Yeatts** - March 07, 2024 at 12:08 PM

FC

“ Kathy & family...we were so blessed to know Roger for the brief couple years that we did. He always had a smile on his face & the love of God just poured through him to those who were in his presence. Now he's experiencing that same love face-to-face with his Lord. Our thoughts & prayers are very much with you & all who held a special place in Roger's heart. May you sense the loving arms of God around you now & in the day's to come. Our love & deepest sympathy...Fred & Jan Capasso

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**Fred & Jan Capasso** - March 07, 2024 at 07:21 AM

MS

“ Worked with Roger on a project for Linde. I got to know him rather well for the 2 months he was in California Great guy fond memories

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**mike summers** - March 07, 2024 at 07:00 AM

KM

“ Roger was a wonderful man. A very caring and giving man, a God serving man. Roger gave me my job with Airco 40 years ago, which he was the plant manager at, at the time. Roger was very knowledgeable of his job and the company he worked for. Roger would bend over backwards to help you out in any way. He was very personable, very friendly. I was very blessed to have met and know Roger for the past 40 years. May you now walk in the presence of the lord, Roger. You served him well. God speed.

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**Kevin Mumaw** - March 06, 2024 at 11:41 PM

CF

“ Christina Rice Breeden & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Roland Rice Sr..

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**Christina Rice Breeden & family** - March 06, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Roland Rice Sr..*



March 06, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ *So very sorry to read this. My memory is when he and Kathy attended our church and knew them both to be solid in their testimonies of their love of their Savior.*

**Sheron Woodruff** - March 06, 2024 at 09:34 PM



*Thank you Sheron 🥰🥰🥰*

**Krice1963** - March 06, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ *Kathy. Roger and I always lived to see Roger and you every Sunday at services. You both were so loving and kind to us. He will be greatly missed.  
Roger and Linda Magsamen.*

**Linda Magsamen** - March 06, 2024 at 07:40 PM



*We love you and Roger Linda. My heart is broken 🥰🥰🥰 but I have peace knowing he's no longer suffering. I think he was sicker than he let me know. He never wanted to worry he.*

**Krice1963** - March 06, 2024 at 10:57 PM

KS

“ Three things come to mind as I think of Roger. The first is DEVOTED CHRISTIAN, the second is VERY KIND and the third is LOVING HUSBAND OF HIS SOUL MATE KATHY. I feel sad that he is no longer here, but also happy he is now in his eternal home in heaven. My heartfelt condolences to Kathy and his Family. Kayleen Reed Stewart

Kayleen L Stewart - March 06, 2024 at 07:32 PM

KR

Thank you Kay. That means A lot to me. I now know what you went through a few months ago losing Rich 💔💔💔

Krice1963 - March 06, 2024 at 10:53 PM

MC

“ Margaret, Barbara and Charlotte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Roland Rice Sr..

Margaret, Barbara and Charlotte - March 06, 2024 at 05:26 PM

MC

“ Margaret, Barbara and Charlotte purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Roger Roland Rice Sr..



Margaret, Barbara and Charlotte - March 06, 2024 at 05:26 PM

NP

“ Remembering Roger my brother when we were all together



Nancy Peterson - March 06, 2024 at 04:42 PM

CB



Christina Rice Breedon - March 06, 2024 at 06:16 PM

KR

He's with his mom, dad and David now and little Ricky and Faith ❤️

Krice1963 - March 06, 2024 at 10:58 PM

TF

“ The Kuhar Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger Roland Rice Sr..



The Kuhar Family - March 06, 2024 at 04:15 PM