



Buddy W. Rice

February 14, 1944 - February 14, 2016

Bud “Buddy” Rice, 72 of Pueblo, CO passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on his birthday, February 14, 2016 in Surprise, AZ surrounded by his family. He is survived by his loving wife, of 39 years, Brucine. His children, Troy (Chana) Trimble, Ty (Kristi Graham) Rice, Willard M. Rice all of Pueblo, CO, Shanon (Stanley) Conley of Cripple Creek, CO, Jandra (Jan) Cooley of Colorado Springs, CO, Reith (Kyle) Tucker of Satellite Beach, FL, David (Bebe) Ziegler of Cheyenne, WY; also survived by his sister, Billie Jo Rice; and Uncle Elmer “Bud” Plumlee, both of Colorado Springs, CO. Bud was the proud grandfather of 22 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren, who were the light of his life. Also survived by many special family members and friends. Bud was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Marie Rice and granddaughter Samantha Victoria Rice. Bud was born in Colorado Springs, CO on February 14, 1944 to Willard and Marie Rice. He graduated from Wasson High School in 1962. Starting from a young age, Bud worked along side his father in the family business, Rice & Rice Inc. Once his father retired, Bud, at the age of 22 took over the family business. Rice & Rice, Inc. grew under Bud’s direction as he built long-term relationships based on honesty, trust and integrity, most of which continue today. He was passionate about the industry until he “retired” in 2001. After retirement, Bud and Bru have enjoyed traveling the country visiting family and friends, being “snowbirds” in Arizona and spending time with each other. Retirement allowed Bud time to pursue his many other passions. He could often be found downloading some of his 2,000+ songs or researching his family history and genealogy. He loved classic cars and history. He was a staunch Republican and believed strongly in conservative values. Bud could often be found on the golf course or on the dance floor, with most or all of these being done with a martini in hand. His most important and greatest enjoyment after retirement was spending time with his family and friends. His heart was bigger than Texas and he would do anything for those he loved. He will always be remembered for his signature “Hello, darlin’, how are you” followed by a big hug and kiss. Bud was respected, admired and active in the communities he worked and lived. He served as President of Colorado Contractors Association, an AGC Member, President of Pueblo Country Club, Member of Pueblo County Zoning Board, Colorado State Fair Livestock Committee, BPOE Elks Lodge #90 Member, El Paso Club member, El Paso

County Homebuilders Association, Pueblo Homebuilders Association, PEDCO, Proud NRA Member, Western National Bank Board Member and a National Street Rod Association Member. Visitation will be 4:00pm – 7:00pm, Tuesday, Feb 23, 2016 at Roselawn Funeral Home. Celebration of life service will be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, February 24 at Praise Assembly of God, 2000 Troy Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81001. Reception immediately following at the Pueblo Country Club, 3200 8th Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81008. Private graveside service. Please feel free to wear your Wranglers, jeans, western wear and boots in Bud's honor. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Bud's honor to Wounded Warriors, Crossroads Turning Points Pueblo at coloradogives.org, or Latigo Pikes Peak Range Riders Foundation Colorado Springs.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel
1706 Roselawn Rd, Pueblo, CO, US, 81006

FEB **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Praise Assembly of God
2000 Troy, Pueblo, CO, US

Comments



“ Wonderful Man! Very sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with you all.

Kathy Kaufmann

Kathy Kaufmann - February 24, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ very sorry to hear of your loss - i met buddy when he was in this early twenties and knew willie and marie very well - god bless this family

linda cornwell - February 22, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ i posted the above for t.j. sprawls

linda cornwell - February 22, 2016 at 08:04 PM



“ so sorry for your loss - buddy was a great man and will long be remembered - sincerely, linda cornwell, colorado springs, colorado



linda cornwell - February 22, 2016 at 08:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Buddy W. Rice.



February 22, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Buddy W. Rice.



February 22, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ 6 files added to the album From the Family Album



Shanon - February 22, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ Great man

Char Hargis - February 21, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ Daryl and Joann Cooley purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Buddy W. Rice.



Daryl and Joann Cooley - February 21, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Buddy W. Rice.



February 20, 2016 at 11:53 PM



“ John And Stacie Sliman lit a candle in memory of Buddy W. Rice



John and Stacie Sliman - February 20, 2016 at 10:36 PM



“ From The Carducci Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Buddy W. Rice.



From The Carducci Family - February 20, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ Ron & Cathy O'Canna purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Buddy W. Rice.



Ron & Cathy O'Canna - February 20, 2016 at 02:35 PM



“ Chana Trimble lit a candle in memory of Buddy W. Rice



Chana Trimble - February 20, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Buddy W. Rice.



February 20, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ If nothing else dance!

Shanon Conley - February 19, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ After Willie, Marie and Buddy moved to Fountain, Bud had a very nice car. I think it was a 1959 or '60 chevy. I am sorry I can't remember the exact vehicle, but it was very nice and Bud kept it immaculate. Willie had all these horses and he didn't want any of them to get distemper so he bought a goat. That goat was everywhere and wouldn't stay with the horses. He wanted to be up near the house. One morning Buddy went out and saw goat tracks and scratches on his car. No need to share that moment of anger and frustration that came from Buddy, you can imagine. He, at the very least, wanted to kill that goat.

They tried everything to keep that goat from the house, to no avail. The arena was at the bottom of the corrals, where the maintenance shop is now, and not long after all the unsuccessful attempts to keep the goat at the barn, Paul Tamlin, decided he would use the goat as a training device for one of the horses he wanted to rope on. He roped the goat and just as the loop settled over the goat, the goat ducked under a gate. The ensuing crash killed the goat.

Buddy had no bad words to say, when I was talking to him later, but he did have that sly smile on his face, that all who knew him saw it often. As a matter of fact that smile is on his face in the picture to the left of this writing.

Buddy was my friend of about 57 years and only a year older than me. He always treated me with respect and we often went to the Krazy Kat when I got old enough. We had some amazing times together and I will miss him immensely.

I know that Buddy loved you Brucine and became a better man because of you. He put you and family first and loved Jesus. We rejoice in the fact that we will meet him again in heaven and are just thankful now that he is in Jesus' arms. Your old Friend,
Rick Sarah

Richard Sarah - February 19, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ Thank you so much for sharing.

Cassandra Marie Rice - February 19, 2016 at 09:05 PM