



Family

Robert Coleman Rice, Jr.

George Elijah Rice

Kenyan Amika

Jimmie Rice

Rashan Garner

Tyquan Rice

Honorary Pallbearers

Brent Rice

Mitchell Garner

Christopher Badgett

Robert M. Rice

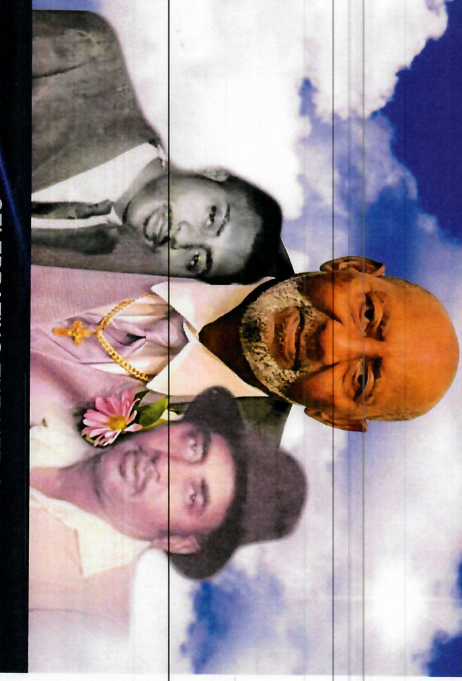
Tyrek Rice

George Elijah Rice, Jr.

Will Gillilan

Johann Green

Joseph Green



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Robert Coleman Rice, Sr. acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at his time of illness and our bereavement.

THE FAMILY

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

Childs Funeral Home, Inc.

301 W. Carolina Avenue

Clinton, SC 29325

<https://childsfuneralhomeinc.com/>

864-833-1161

Obituaries dedicated with love and honor to the memory of Robert Coleman Rice, Sr.; "Dad Rice." Love you forever great man of God. Well done sir, well done!



Tai Powell, Minister IT
President, CEO & Senior Principal Consultant
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ROBERT COLEMAN RICE SR.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



SUNRISE: JUNE 16, 1938

SUNSET: JANUARY 11, 2022

DeWise

Saturday, January 22, 2022 – 2:00 P.M.

Mount Carmel A.M.C. Church


209 Mount Carmel Road

Gray Court, SC 29645

BISHOP RAPHAEL GREEN, OFFICIANT



Life Reflections


Robert Coleman Rice, Sr. was the second child born on June 16, 1938, in Clinton, South Carolina to his parents John and Lizzie Lou Rice. He was educated in Laurens County schools. Shortly after meeting his sweetheart for life, he married Elizabeth Seidler, from nearby Whitmire SC, on April 23, 1957. A few years later, he courageously ventured out to Jersey City, New Jersey to find employment and establish stability for his family. In the initial days he worked for Owens Illinois. He later landed a position with Bradley Boxing Company, where he remained until he retired. While in New Jersey, he, along with his wife, raised six children God blessed them with and purchased three homes (two in New Jersey and one back in Clinton, SC.

"Pop" loved fishing, boating, playing checkers, motorcycling, being a watchman for his family and the community on the front porch, and visiting his relatives and friends. He also enjoyed taking several cruises with his sweetheart. Robert Rice was a man who valued integrity and was a very hard worker. If he told you he was going to do something, he would do it. Conversely, if he didn't think he could do it, he would not give you his word that he would do it. Whatever it took, he did all within his power to provide more than enough and to help his family prosper and advance in life.

Although his wife Elizabeth and children were his first and second loves, it was evident his sons and grandsons held a very special place in his heart.

Most importantly, in 1983, he professed a hope in Christ and was baptized, under Elder Eddie Williams of the Mount Zion Church of God in Christ, in Jersey City NJ. He was blessed to be ordained as a deacon in that congregation, where he served faithfully. He unashamedly confessed the lordship of Jesus Christ in his life until he went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, January 11, 2022.

He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy, his loving wife Elizabeth after nearly 65 years of marriage, his devoted children Brenda Lee (& Raphael) of St. Louis, MO; Robert, Jr. (& Michelle) of Jersey City, NJ; George Elijah (& Brenda), adopted daughter Destiny Unique Rice, and unofficially adopted son Will Githian (of Jersey City NJ); twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, eleven great-great grandchildren, his sister Bertha Lindsey, two brothers and their wives, John Ed and Patricia Gary and Dexter and Sharon Dobbie along with their families, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In his honor we also lovingly remember his deceased beloved children Jimmie, Shirley, and Robin along with his brother John (Jack), and his parents John & Lizzie Lou Rice.



Family Tributes

My daddy loved me and all of his children. Those adopted by him, he loved as if they were his own. I loved him because I could depend on him to keep his word. He always kept his promises. I will always love him and I will always cherish his compassion and wisdom. I believed my Dad could fix anything and he taught his boys to do the same. I believed he could build a house. My dad, my hero and super hero.

Love always, Brenda

From our very first meeting, I found "Pop" to be a man of respect and honor. Through the years, that never changed. I appreciate his love for me and for upholding and modeling the integrity, virtue and strength all men need. My eternal love Pop until we are united again...

Your grateful son, Raphael

He has given his life to God long ago, he has accepted Christ the Savior, he has prepared for his future with Christ and assured his ticket to heaven, (God's kingdom), so I have no worries, because I know he's in good hands, awaiting his judgment. Although he wasn't a preacher, he preached to everyone that would listen and even those who wouldn't listen. He didn't mind sharing his work with the Lord and his wisdom.

He left a little bit of him self in each and everyone of us, some more than others, and he loved us all. He always had the biggest smile when we were all together. I believe it was his way of showing us all, just how proud he was of us. He didn't only preach he taught by example, he gave us a blueprint to follow to ensure Our ticket.

I'll end it with, he loved us all.

Robert, Jr.

Pop, thank you for being an extraordinary example of an incredible Father. Your life will always impact my life. Forever my hero and best friend.

George

I am forever grateful for 28 years and 3 months and 4 days of your wisdom and knowledge and most definitely your unforgettable love. May God welcome you with open arms in His Kingdom.

Love always and forever, Destiny



In Loving Memory of a Very Special Husband



When God was making husbands as far as I can see, He made you. You were perfect in every way. You were a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind, with more love and affection than you could ever wish to find. He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold. He gave me wonderful memories only my heart can hold. He was someone I could talk to that no one can replace. He was someone I could lean on when I needed him. He was my face. Next time we meet will be at heavens door. When I see you standing there I won't cry anymore. I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face. Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.

Miss you so much!

Author Unknown



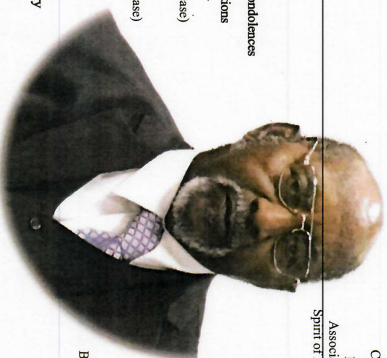
Loving Father



Order of Service

Celebration of Life Liturgy

Prelude	
Processional	
Pastoral Greeting & Welcome	
Praier	
Scripture Reading Psalms 46	
Songs of Praise & Worship	
	The Wife & Family of Robert C. Rice, Sr. Bishop Raphael Green Metropolitan Christian Worship Center Saint Louis, Missouri
	Reverend JoAnne McIntosh Senior Pastor Elizee A.M.E. Church Clinton, South Carolina
	Bruce and Patsy Jones Associate Elder and Minister Spirit of Faith Christian Center Baltimore, Maryland
	Elizee AME Choir

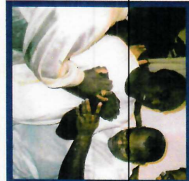


Song	
Acknowledgment & Condolences	
Reading of Life Reflections	
Eulogy (2 minutes only please)	Family
Remarks (2 minutes only please)	Ministers
Song	
Homily	Bishop Raphael Green (Son-in-law)
Last Glimpse Until Glory	Funeral Directors
Benediction	
Recessional	

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Elizee A.M.E. Church
103 Kemper Street
Clinton, SC 29325

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The Ridge at Laurens
301 Exchange Rd.
Laurens, SC 29560

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's work, we will be with him and shall never be separated from him. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a trumpet call, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.



*A circle of strength and love
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love*
Our Family

