



## John Edward Rice

August 11, 1940 - September 8, 2021

John Edward Rice was born August 11, 1940, in Hamilton, Ohio, to John Frank and Marie Ann (Geier) Rice. He died Wednesday, September 8, 2021, in Owasso, Oklahoma, at the age of 81 years. John was reared and educated in Oxford, Ohio, and was a graduate of Talawanda High School. He was married January 21, 1961, in Hamilton, Ohio, to Barbara Joan Miller. John worked for the Pepsi Cola Company and was self-employed with Husman's Potato Chips, both in Hamilton, Ohio. He was a retired Supervisor of Weights and Measures for the Butler County Auditor's Office and served as President of Ohio Weights and Measures for one term. He was the supervisor of Ushers for the Athletic Department at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Throughout the years he farmed and drove a school bus for the Talawanda School District, Oxford, Ohio. He volunteered for the Oxford Ohio Visitors Center. He was a lifetime member of the Hamilton Fraternal Order of Eagles #3986, and served as a Trustee. In Owasso, Oklahoma, John was a faithful member of Rejoice Church where he was active with Drama Ministries, Hospitality, Prime Timers, golf cart attendant, and also led a weekly small group.

John enjoyed a variety of pastimes including turkey shoots, camping, boating, traveling, and ordering gadgets on Amazon. He loved his family, his friends, and his pets. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

His wife; Barbara, of the home

Two daughters; Tonya Lacey and husband David, of Port Orange, Florida

Tammy Briggs and husband Chuck, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Grandchildren; Bartley Dixon, of Tulsa

Sawyer Dixon, of Tulsa

Dylan Lacey, of Port Orange, Florida

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family would like to extend a most gracious thank you to John's care team at the Tulsa location of Oklahoma Cancer Specialist and Research Institute for their sincere compassion and personal care. This includes Dr. Ali Moussa, Stacy Newberry PA, and their entire staff, Pharmacy staff Daryl and Linda, and Valet Kim Phillips. Utica Park Clinic, Primary Care Dr. Dana Morrell and staff. Bailey Hospital in Owasso, thank you to all doctors, nurses, staff and hospice for making John's journey more peaceful and comfortable. Thank you Rejoice Church, Pastor Casey Cariker, staff and congregation for prayers and support. Thank you to Pastor Lenny and Carolyn Pirtle for your prayers and comfort. Thank you, Steve Mowery with Mowery Funeral Service.

Funeral service for John will be held 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2021, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso, Oklahoma. Private family disposition will be held at a later date. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in John's memory to the OCS Cares fund, <https://ocsri.org/about/oklahoma-cancer-specialists-cares-fund/>

Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

[www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service Chapel  
9110 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

SEP **23**.

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *My sincere condolences. I have such great memories of John from our time at Talawanda High School and then when we worked together at Husman’s Potato Chip company. There was many an early morning at the warehouse on Ross Ave picking up product before heading out on our routes. Barb and family wishing you all peace and condolences. Mike Brunner*

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**Mike Brunner** - September 26, 2021 at 07:07 PM

BG

“ *Pat and I absolutely loved hanging around with John and Barb Rice! We look forward to the time we will hang around John again up in Heaven! Dear Father, please bless the entire Rice Family!*

*Pat and Bill Gable*

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**Bill Gable** - September 23, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of John Edward Rice.*



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September 22, 2021 at 09:35 AM

BD

“ Best grandpa in the world!☐😭



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**Bartley Dixon** - September 21, 2021 at 10:58 PM

KT

“ We met John and Barbara Rice at Rejoice Church. It was their friendly nature and support that led us to choose Rejoice Church as our Church family. John was always kind and helpful a delightful good man. Our memories with him our treasures of our heart. We kept the Rice family in our prayers as they make the transition of John being called home to our Father innHeaven. We will met again.

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**kathryn Thimpson** - September 21, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ John was one of my favorite people at Rejoice. I always enjoyed the good natured bantering we would engage in every Sunday. He was one of a kind and will be missed by many.

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**Jack Montooth** - September 21, 2021 at 12:22 PM

JD

“ I have had the privilege of knowing the Rice family for 48 years. John was kind , friendly and always willing to .offer a helping hand. He was truly one of the "good ones". He will be missed but never forgot. My love, thoughts and prayers to Barb, Tonya and Tammy.  
Jean Doty

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**Jean Doty** - September 21, 2021 at 06:48 AM