



Mr. Thomas Converse Rice

November 1, 1931 - January 5, 2020

RICE, Mr. Thomas Converse - Age 88, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2020 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Monday, January 13, 2020 at Family Worship Center Church, 3280 N. Linden Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Minister Don McNeal, officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Monday. Mr. Rice will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Converse Rice was born November 1, 1931 in Shelby, North Carolina, the son of Frank Sr. and Mary Ellen Rice. Thomas was one of sixteen children. He was a resident of Flint, and worked for General Motors Corporation for 23 years before retiring on disability. Thomas served in the United States Army during his twenties and frequently talked about the opportunity he had to travel during his service before his Honorable Discharge. He was known as "T.C." by his family and friends and affectionately called "Daddy" by his 5 daughters. As a youngster, Thomas loved school, but was not able to finish because of the times in which he lived. Around 60 years of age, he went back to school to begin the process of obtaining his G.E.D. Thomas was a member of Family Worship Center Church International and was known as being consistent, faithful and punctual. He was always one of the first people to arrive at church every Sunday and he would spend time praying before other arrived. Thomas served as an Usher,

always taking his place in the left corner of the sanctuary. He was also part of the Intercessory Team and made a huge impact in the realm of prayer. At an early age, Thomas developed a passion for God and began hearing His voice. From the age of five he had a love for God's word and frequently had the opportunity to listen to his uncle read from the Bible. Thomas' favorite pastime was spending time reading the scripture every single day. The word of God was so engrained in his heart that he was known by many as a walking Bible. He was a quiet man, but he was powerful in prayer and the word of God. The Word of God fueled him and he became a Prayer Warrior as he spent countless hours (particularly during the wee hours of the morning) praying for people who were hurting and discouraged. Daily (without fail), he prayed for his children, grandchildren and family. Through every trial Thomas Rice went through, the word of God was always on his lips. His compassion was felt by so many people through his prayers, inspirational notes and words of encouragement. Thomas was also a sharp dresser. He loved to be suited up. His shoes were always shined, his slacks and jeans always had creases in them and his attire was always fashionable. Thomas was an awesome daddy, brother, uncle, friend and faithful servant of Christ.

Mr. Thomas Converse Rice is survived by: son, Steven Rice of Atlanta, GA; 5 daughters, Winnie Jane (Vincent) Ross of Gaffney, SC, Maudie Brown of Shelby, NC, Deitria (James) Hodo of Flint, Stacey Rice of Denver CO and Nikki Rice of Waycross, GA; 7 grandchildren, Keva Brown of Shelby, NC, Leon Ross of McCormick, SC, DeArio Johnson of Ypsilanti, MI, Keontay Oliver Quintin Orange Jr., Heaven Orange and Ja'Mario Rice, all of Waycross, GA; 3 great-grandchildren, Alex Ross of Blacksburg, SC, Alicia Wrapp of Charlotte, NC and Cali Johnson of Ypsilanti, MI; 6 sisters, Inez Manning of York, PA, Lorriane Simpson of Flint, Corrairie Steward of Brooklyn, NY, Salena Thompson of Gaffney, SC, Betty Wilson of Shelby, NC and Julie Jolley of Charlotte, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Rice was preceded in death by his grandson, Kelton Ross; parents, Frank Sr. and Mary Ellen Rice; 4 sisters, Velma Borders, Ina Harris, Lucille Shears

and Ernestine Rice; 5 brothers, Samuel Rice, Frank Rice Jr., James Rice, Richard Rice and twin, Thomas J. Rice.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastors Timothy and Tanya Stokes and the Family Worship Center Church family for the calls, prayers, visits and support, as well as those who continually asked about daddy.

McLaren-Flint ICU nurses and staff. Special thanks also goes out to Dave Kemp, Phyllis Clark and Mary Benton, who visited with daddy regularly. Gail Manning, who made sure daddy received the best and most compassionate care at Regency of Grand Blanc. Dorothy Leonard, who provided an atmosphere of peace, love and endless care at Granny's Place. Beverly Towns and the Intercessory Department for their endless prayers.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-6666
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Family Worship Center Church
3280 N. Linden Rd.
Flint, MI 48504
<http://fwcc@fwccflint.org>

Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Linda Odneal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Linda Odneal - January 13, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *John III and Sandra Patton*



Sandra Patton - January 13, 2020 at 02:37 AM



“ *Rodney And Patricia Hamer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Rodney and Patricia Hamer - January 12, 2020 at 11:37 PM

TS

“ Tony And Jennifer Smylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice



Tony and Jennifer Smylor - January 12, 2020 at 11:24 PM

BF

“ A faithful brother to Family Worship Center Church. Our prayers for Min. Dede and Family.



Rick and Lisa Banks

Banks Family - January 12, 2020 at 04:04 PM

MR

“ R.I.H



Marlena Rice - January 12, 2020 at 10:59 AM

TR

“ The children & widow of Thomas James (TJ) Rice purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice.



The children & widow of Thomas James (TJ) Rice - January 11, 2020 at 09:57 AM

DM

“ Douglas And Mayrene McGruder lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice



Douglas and Mayrene McGruder - January 09, 2020 at 03:10 PM

TW

“ Theresa Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice



Theresa Watson - January 09, 2020 at 11:11 AM

MD

“ Monique Dotson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice



Monique Dotson - January 09, 2020 at 10:01 AM

CH

“ Calvin & Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice



Calvin & Pamela Hightower - January 09, 2020 at 07:57 AM

TC

“ *Tanika Clarke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Tanika Clarke - January 09, 2020 at 06:39 AM



“ *Kimberly Hall-Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Kimberly Hall-Miller - January 08, 2020 at 07:33 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Barbara Pearson - January 08, 2020 at 07:21 PM

TC

“ *Tanika Clarke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Tanika Clarke - January 08, 2020 at 07:03 PM

AF

“ *Angela Rice-Tucker & family*

Angela Rice-Tucker and family - January 08, 2020 at 05:27 PM

AF

“ *Angela Rice-Tucker And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Angela Rice-Tucker and family - January 08, 2020 at 05:25 PM

MM

“ *Maxine Murray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Maxine Murray - January 08, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice.*



January 08, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice.*



January 08, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ *Janie Rice And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Janie Rice and family - January 08, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Dede and family my heart and prayers are with you God will see you through*

Louis & Dee Perry - January 07, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Louis & Dee Perry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Louis & Dee Perry - January 07, 2020 at 07:09 PM

CH

“ *Be bless and rest with Jesus. Thank God for Hodo family. Cheryl Hartfield*



Cheryl Hartfield - January 06, 2020 at 09:47 PM

GL

“ *My dad's brother, he was so nice and gentle to me as a child. So many years went by but His allow me to see him. I worked at Willowbrook Manor and he was on my hall and I just thank God for being able to see him again. He still had that sweet quiet spirit. I will never forget you Uncle Tommy. We shared no blood but he was my uncle and treated me like his niece!!*

Glenda Lang - January 06, 2020 at 07:37 PM

GR

Y'all will always be our cousins and that ain't up for discussion!!

WE COUSINS TIL THE END!!

Love you Glynis Rice

Glynis Rice - January 07, 2020 at 02:41 PM

CR

Thank You Sister

Cynthia Rice - January 11, 2020 at 10:32 PM

AP

“ *Angela Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Converse Rice*



Angela Parker - January 05, 2020 at 04:37 PM

GR

“ *Rest in Heaven Uncle TC*



Glynis Rice - January 05, 2020 at 11:28 AM