

Cecil Johnson Rice Jr.

April 25, 1936 - September 25, 2025

Cecil Johnson Rice, Jr., 89, of Griffin, died Thursday, September 25, 2025, at his home.

Born in Griffin, April 25, 1936, he was a son of the late Cecil Johnson Rice, Sr. and Mary Frances Crowley Rice. Mr. Rice graduated Griffin Technical College and had owned and operated three personal care homes for over thirty years before retiring. He also formerly owned and operated a home for blind men who worked at the blind factory. He was a former manager of Griffin Grocery. He loved farming and taking care of cattle.

Mr. Rice was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Timothy John Rice; granddaughter, Christy Forrester; and brother, Kenneth Rice.

Survivors include his daughter, Loretta Ann Odom and Jean Maria Gibson and husband, David; sons, Raymond Scott Rice and Gerald Damion Rice and Pam Scott, all of Griffin; ten grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; a sister, Mary Clontz of Chicago, IL; brothers, William Rice, Sr. and Julian Rice, both of Griffin; numerous nieces and nephews; and long-time friend and care giver, Bill Brown of Griffin.

Graveside funeral services for Cecil Johnson Rice, Jr. will be conducted Monday, September 29, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Oak Hill Cemetery with Deacon Ken Bishop officiating. Family and friends are asked to assemble at the graveside.

There will be no formal visitation. Mr. Rice will lie in state at Haisten

McCullough Funeral Home Monday morning from 8:00 Am until 10:00 AM for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorials be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1323, Macarthur Drive, Griffin, GA 30224, in memory of Mr. Rice.

For online condolences please visit www.haistenmcculloughfuneralhome.com. Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, 1155 Everee Inn Road, Griffin is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

Memorial Dr.
Griffin, GA 30223

Previous Events

Graveside

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HA

“ TO THE RICE FAMILY.SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.[HUGH [POOUCHY] AKINS.



HUGH AKINS - October 03, 2025 at 10:07 PM

FF

“ I remember being a kid , going to Papa's and swimming on the weekends . He would always let Donnie and myself roll his loose change (usually between 10 and 20 dollars) and then he'd let us split and go to Rose's and Piggly Wiggly to spend it . Papa was Papa and thats that. I loved him always and will forever miss him dearly. I know he and Christy have joined in paradise . We miss you Christy . We miss you Papa . Thanks for the goodness you both gave to us and this world . Angels.

Flynt Forrester - September 30, 2025 at 05:35 AM

WC

“ Walker Concrete purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Cecil Johnson Rice Jr..



Walker Concrete - September 27, 2025 at 09:27 AM

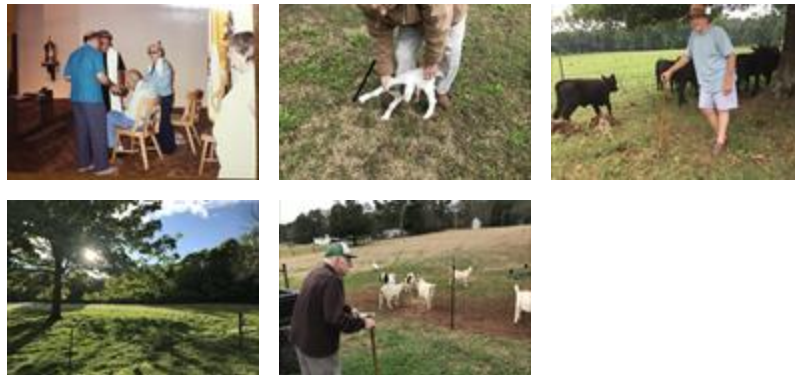
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“ *Daddy, You have been a hard worker and great father all your life, now you can rest in peace with our heavenly father. I haven't told you I love you as much as I should have, but I do love you very much. Thank you for always being there for me. Tell Christy, Tim and momma I love and miss them. I know you will be happy in heaven, so I'm happy for you to start your new life with no worries and no pain. I will miss you until we are all together again. Love always, Loretta*

Loretta Odom - September 27, 2025 at 09:19 AM

BB

“ *9 files added to the tribute wall*



Bill Brown - September 26, 2025 at 03:08 PM

CN

To all of Cecil 's family and friends, I am sorry for your loss. Cecil was always kind and caring. He will be missed. May you each find joy in the good memories of Cecil 's life. C. Nelson

Catherine NELSON - September 26, 2025 at 10:19 PM