



## Mr. Frederic Leland Rice Jr.

July 19, 1932 - October 30, 2020

Frederic Leland Rice, Jr. was born in Aurora, Illinois on July 19th, 1932. He married Mary Jean Rice (Jeanie) in 1956 and they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary before she passed away in 2015. Fred retired from Phillips Petroleum Company after 37 years of employment and spent the rest of his life traveling and enjoying the company of family and friends. He died in the home he loved for 40 years at the age of 88 on Friday, October 30th, 2020.

Fred Rice (aka Papa) was kind, generous, and loved his family. He seized every opportunity to learn something new, which often led him to travel the world with Jeanie. He saw the best in everyone, especially his children and grandchildren, and always encouraged their highest potential. His kindness and generosity showed through the support he gave to his family, but also to his community through decades of donating blood, volunteer work at Meals on Wheels and AARP Tax Assistance.

His passion of model airplanes and its community spanned decades. He spent countless hours building, flying, (crashing), rebuilding and communing with his fellow model airplane enthusiasts. Fred also loved ice cream, the stock market, gin and tonics, gin rummy, art and music, and trips to the casino. He was a talented storyteller and had a new joke to tell at every occasion. Without the tactful supervision of Jeanie, in more recent years he

enjoyed riling up the family by bringing up politics at inappropriate times (i.e. holiday dinners). However, Jeanie's profound influence on Fred was apparent, when after her passing, he adopted the habit of ending every phone call to family with "I love you".

His family is comforted to know that he is at peace with loved ones who passed before him, such as his nephew, Rick Hoyt, his soulmate, Jeanie, and their beloved cat, Avery.

Those left to honor and remember Fred dearly include his four children, Debbie, Dianna, Pam, and David, one favorite granddaughter, Sarah, and six favorite grandsons, Justin, Ben, Chris, Nathan, Enzo, and Leo. He will be deeply missed by his big sister whom he adored, "Sis" (Suzanne), her children, Jim and Cindy, and countless others whose lives he touched.

Immediate family will have a private service. For all who wish to pay their respects, a drive-thru reception will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 2:00pm-3:00pm at 257 Turkey Creek in Bartlesville. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages in-person blood donation or monetary contributions to the Red Cross.

# Previous Events

## Drive through reception

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Family Home  
257 SE Turkey Creek  
Bartlesville , OK 74006

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Frederic Leland Rice Jr.*

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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Mr. Frederic Leland Rice Jr.*

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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *I sadly didn't know my cousin Fred, but his dad, Fred senior, was my uncle. My father was his youngest brother, Stevens. I am the youngest daughter, Helen Rice Brownell. I was trying to look up some information on my uncle when I found this posting. I had come across a beautiful turquoise ring that my uncle Fred had made for me and then googled him. I'm sorry that we don't know each other better in the family. Anyone wishing to get in touch, feel free to contact me at [ghbrownell@gmail.com](mailto:ghbrownell@gmail.com). my condolences to the family. I have enjoyed reading the entries here.*

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**Helen Brownell** - May 23, 2021 at 12:27 PM

JT

“ This note comes a little late but we hope the family sees it. Robin and I met Fred and Jeanie during a tour of Costa Rica in 2005. What a wonderful beginning to a wonderful friendship. Our immediate friendship was deep enough to share 7 more adventures including 2 great visits to the coast of North Carolina, 2 visits to the Colorado mountains, and a very enjoyable visit to Turkey Creek Rd and a meeting with Avery. Fred was obviously one of a kind....and we also got to see Jeanie conquer a Zip-line in the tree tops of a Costa Rica jungle. Who'd a thunk it? Summing up, Robin and I have mentioned many times that the Rices were probably the nicest people we had ever known. Our lives are better from that chance meeting in Costa Rica. Robin and John Teachey, Charlotte, NC.

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**John & Robin Teachey** - December 09, 2020 at 01:11 PM

RS

“ Fred and Jeanie were a friend to Doreen after FredSr passed. He was a help to me in sorting out Doreens estate. Hedideeverything with kindness

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**Rosemary Shy** - November 21, 2020 at 10:04 PM

BR

“ Fred was a great mentor early in my career at Phillips! He was kind and gentle and you always wanted to please him. Plus, you could always get a table at a full restaurant by introducing him as "The Senator"!

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**Bob Rhoades** - November 05, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MN

“ Fred was a friend, a mentor, a boss- I always respected, admired and appreciate him. My favorite is "Oh my God- The YoYo's- we forgot the YoYo's- if you want the full story contact [marcnagele@huskers.unl.edu](mailto:marcnagele@huskers.unl.edu). This involves his passions of Gin Rummy and Gin and Tonics.

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**Marc D Nagele** - November 04, 2020 at 08:24 PM

SR

“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSE....FRED WILL BE MISSED BY MANY PEOPLE!  
GOD BLESS..SHIRLEY ROBERTS

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**SHIRLEY ROBERTS** - November 04, 2020 at 02:22 PM