



## Kirby James Rice

July 23, 1967 - January 1, 2025

Kirby James Rice

Age 57

Bangor

Passed away Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 at his home. Kirby was born July 23, 1967 in Three Rivers, son of the late Freeland and Winifred Rice and had lived in the Bangor area the past 27 years. Kirby loved being his own boss, owning and operating Rice Electric since 2000. He had also started KJ Rice Transport, which ran until 2022. Kirby enjoyed traveling to new places and looked forward to he and his wife's yearly travel adventures. He also loved the annual motorcycle rides with his friends. More than anything though, Kirby cherished his family. From campfires, garage nights and everything in between, Kirby loved spending time with those he loved, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife Leann, whom he married May 14th, 1994; 3 children, Samantha (Shawn) Strasser, Randy (Lexi) Rice and Kristen (Brandyn Aldag) Rice; grandchildren, Ethan, Kaylan, Morgan and Willow; siblings, Pam (Don) Paterala, Mary (Stan) Darling, Cheryl (Scott) Woodruff, Daniel (Sherry) Rice and Nora (Dennis) McPike.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, James, Johnny and

Blair.

The family will meet friends on Monday, January 6th from 10am until time of funeral services at noon at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

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

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

### Service

JAN 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Missing you kirby. i remember how dad and i just saw you a couple of days before you passed. we had so much fun catching up with you and seeing you again. it's not the same without you in our lives.*

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**Liam Feathers** - August 20, 2025 at 01:56 AM

DG

“ *I just heard of your loss LeAnn. I am so sorry to hear you lost Kirby. Thinking of you.*



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**Debbie Gargus** - January 11, 2025 at 04:00 PM

KH

“ *Leann and Nora nothing can express how much my heart is hurting for you and your family.*  
*Kim and Greg Harris*

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**Kim Harris** - January 06, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LF

“ *Leann,*  
*Words can not express my sadness of learning of Kirby's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will be greatly missed. Lynne Farmer*

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**Lynne Farmer** - January 06, 2025 at 08:53 AM

CC

“ Our thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with you. May the grace and peace of Christ remain with you always.

Chip Clearwater - January 06, 2025 at 06:04 AM

CL

“ So sorry for your family's loss, know that you are in our thoughts  
Cathy and Tom Lantis

Cathy Lantis - January 04, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DB

“ Dan & Karen Beal purchased the Serene Retreat  
for the family of Kirby James Rice.



Dan & Karen Beal - January 04, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for  
the family of Kirby James Rice.



January 03, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SC

“ Oh Pam, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for all of  
you 🙏  
Sheila Caulder

Sheila Caulder - January 02, 2025 at 11:32 PM

MN

“ You will always be fondly remembered and greatly missed Kirby. When I think of you, I think of a sunny day and you way out in front of the rest of us with the biggest smile on your face running like the wind. That's how you will be remembered by me my friend. Until we meet again know that you are loved and missed more than you'll ever know. Your friend-Steve Nix.....

Mary Nix - January 02, 2025 at 11:06 PM

MN

“ Mary Nix lit a candle in memory of Kirby James Rice



Mary Nix - January 02, 2025 at 10:44 PM

RH

“ You all have our thoughts and prayers! God bless and comfort you all!! Russ & Kathy Hodgman



Russell D Hodgman - January 02, 2025 at 09:12 PM

TP

“ Tracy and Mary Phillips purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Kirby James Rice.



Tracy and Mary Phillips - January 02, 2025 at 09:01 PM

KK

“ I was very sorry to hear about the untimely passing of Kirby. Many fond memories spending summers with all the Rice kids when we were growing up. My thoughts are with all those that loved him.

Kathleen Gray Kobreek - January 02, 2025 at 05:42 PM

KK

“ Kathleen Gray Kobreek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kirby James Rice.

Kathleen Gray Kobreek - January 02, 2025 at 05:31 PM

RR

“ So sorry to hear about your families lost.  
Robert & Nicole Rouse



Robert Rouse - January 02, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kirby James Rice.

January 02, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kirby James Rice.



January 02, 2025 at 04:16 PM

TF

“ *The Bardocz Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Kirby James Rice.*



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**The Bardocz Family** - January 02, 2025 at 02:48 PM

RM

“ *Ralph and Carla Mann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kirby James Rice.*

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**Ralph and Carla Mann** - January 02, 2025 at 02:36 PM

RM

“ *Ralph and Carla Mann purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kirby James Rice.*



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**Ralph and Carla Mann** - January 02, 2025 at 02:36 PM

KW

“ *Kerry and Deana Wilson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Kirby James Rice.*



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**Kerry and Deana Wilson** - January 02, 2025 at 02:30 PM

DW

“ Darrell & Grace Wilson purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Kirby James Rice.



Darrell & Grace Wilson - January 02, 2025 at 02:01 PM

NH

“ Nancy J Houdek lit a candle in memory of Kirby James Rice



Nancy J Houdek - January 02, 2025 at 01:56 PM

MW

Did not know Kirby as an adult, but grew up near the family-I know if he was a Rice-what a good man he was...sincere sympathy to his immediate and extended family ❤️ God Bless 🙏

Martha Wright - January 04, 2025 at 09:14 AM

MW

My older sister babysat for the family. His parents( & siblings) were the BEST!

Martha Wright - January 04, 2025 at 09:15 AM