



Ronald A. Rice

February 24, 1954 - November 27, 2015

Ronald A. Rice

age 61

of Bangor

Passed away unexpectedly Friday, November 27, 2015 peacefully at his home. Ron was born February 24, 1954 in Kalamazoo, the son of Walter and Rosamonde (Ames) Rice and has lived in the Bangor area for the past 16 years and in Kalamazoo before that. He was a member of the Lawton Lions, Kalamazoo Kiwanis, and owned Ron's Tents. Ron previously worked at Goggin Rental, and currently worked at Alamo Nursing Home. He helped everybody that he could and would give the shirt off his back. Surviving are his wife, Laurie Rice whom he married April 25, 2011; 2 daughters, Jessica (Marc) Martin of Plainwell, Anne (Thai) Farnsworth of Phoenix, AZ; son, Matthew Fales of Bangor; 5 grandchildren, Alison, Alayna, Thaya, Tenzin, Lily; 2 sisters, Diane Rice, Ruth Pushie; brother, David Rice; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and 2 brothers, Bruce and Wally. The family will meet friends 5-7 Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Lawton Community Center, 646 N. Nursery Street; Lawton, MI where the memorial service will be 7:00 PM. According to his wishes cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lawton Community Center
646 N. Nursery Street
Lawton, MI 49065

Memorial Service

DEC 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ Laurie and family,
I was so sorry to hear about Ron's passing. He was such a wonderful, fun-loving person and very generous, as you are too. I'll never forget all the time you two spent helping to make and sell brats for the Mattawan Kiwanis Club, and for the enjoyment of going with both of you to the Kiwanis convention in Traverse City. I hope you can have a blessed holiday season and many more to come.
Love,
Becky

becky burkert - December 21, 2015 at 12:06 PM

JP

“ My most sincere condolences to the Rice family and friends. I've been blessed to have him in my life, so many good memories of fun, laughter, and good times. Whether these took place at the holiday cookoff events at the Rice ranch, poker in the pole barn, setting up tents on a hot July afternoon, gathering with Steve, Jeff, Don and others in the pole barn with Ron solving worldly issues, too many for listing here.
Rico, aka "Pops", thanks for being there for me, and for being a best friend.
Your friend,
Jim Plant

James Plant - December 01, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ *Jim, Ron, Mark & Jeff. Neighbors and best friends! You will be missed?❤️?*



Valerie Burns - December 01, 2015 at 05:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronald A. Rice.*



November 30, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was such a good-hearted person. I met him through Ron's Tents and used his equipment for several years. I looked forward to seeing and talking to him every year to catch up on what was new in his life. I think he enjoyed the people he met and got to know more than how much business he had. A genuinely nice person who will be missed.*

Wendy Buckner - November 30, 2015 at 10:38 AM



Ron your world will be better now

donald r makele sr - November 30, 2015 at 08:09 PM

SH

“ Sorry for your loss. Ron was a big part of Lawton Lions bingo, which was how I met him. He always had a Huge smile and wonderful attitude. He will missed.

Shannon Halferty - November 29, 2015 at 10:36 PM

GW

“ Words cannot even express how heartbroken I am for the loss of Ron. He was the guy that was there for me after the loss of my own father. Thank you Ron for being that guy who took the time to make me smile when it was so hard for me to. I appreciate his willingness to be there not only for me, but for all those that needed him. He was tireless in his efforts to help those in need. May God bless you and keep you. Jess and Anne I love you both and am there if you need a shoulder. God will get you through.

Genevieve (Newton) Wrobleski - November 29, 2015 at 07:28 PM

LB

“ I will miss you Ron, and your silliness. I shared with you how fun it was being a Gramma, and you agreed. "Best part of being a Dad is getting to being a Grampa!"

Lori Bayer - November 29, 2015 at 12:28 PM

GS

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Gary Sampsell - November 29, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ During high school, for every formal dance he would always ask me "where's your turtleneck?" Eventually he stopped asking me after Thai and I started dating - that's how I knew he approved! Don't worry dad, Thai will make sure that Thaya and Lily always have their turtlenecks! :)

Anne Farnsworth - November 29, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Ron's passing. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Nancy Axe - November 29, 2015 at 08:47 AM

BG

“ Ron was and still is a great guy, no matter where he is now. He was always ready for a "beer". Drink up Ron and enjoy! Watch over us and shine that smile upon us all! You are truly loved!

Brenda Graves - November 29, 2015 at 08:29 AM

AA

“ Ron was such a nice guy! Always fun loving and happy. He will be truly missed! My thoughts and prayers to Laurie and his family.

Angie Ashbaugh - November 28, 2015 at 07:55 PM

BD

“ I'm sooooo sad !! Ron will be terribly missed. My thoughts and prayers to Laurie and the whole family. 😭😭

Becky Dark - November 28, 2015 at 07:41 PM

TC

“ Ron was the happiest man I knew! Always willing to lend a hand. He provided the tents, tables, and chairs for my August wedding this year; exceptional service. My heart breaks for his family and his wife Lori. Prayers for everyone!

Taylor Cornelius - November 28, 2015 at 07:03 PM

DB

“ Ron was a wonderful person and I am honored to say that he was my friend. He was always there when I needed anything and I will miss him terribly.

Debbie Baranoski

Debbie Baranoski - November 28, 2015 at 06:43 PM

 Angie
Peebles

“ Ron was an Amazing man. He ran the concession stand in Paw paw for soccer with me on the weekends and we had the best times. He was like a Dad to me and was Papa Ron to my kids. He will be missed. Sending prayers to his family. R.I.H 💙

Angie Peebles - November 28, 2015 at 06:35 PM

CG

“ I always remember how goofy Ron was. Anytime I was at Anne's house, he made me laugh. He was truly a wonderful man .

Cindy Gut - November 28, 2015 at 04:44 PM