



Joseph P. Rice

February 15, 1941 - July 6, 2020

We celebrate the life of Joseph R. Rice who passed away peacefully on Monday, July 6, 2020. He was the beloved son of the late Thomas and late Margaret Rice. Joseph was born and raised in the West Elsdon community and was a devoted Member of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish for 61 years. He graduated from St. Philip Gaels High School, class of 1960. Before retiring, Joe worked for 30 years as a clerk for the Winston and Strawn law firm. Joe was a consummate gentleman whose life exemplified diligent work, integrity and generosity. Joe was passionate about his interest in people and belonging to a community of friends. He was involved in organizations and groups at many parishes in the city, including St. Nicolas of Tolentine, St. Peters Church in the Loop, St. Rene Goupil Church, St. Daniel the Prophet Church, he was the past president of both, St. Daniel the Prophet Senior Group and St. Rene Goupil Senior Group. He also was a member of Chicago Catholic University Club, Southwest Archdiocese Singles SAS, and the Clearing Civic League. In 2014 Joe was awarded a Senior Citizen of the year award by Rep. Dan Lipinski. However, his most cherished group was the St. Pascal Fraternity of Secular Franciscans. He will be missed by his family and his "family of friends" who loved him for his humility and kindness. In honor of Joe's commitment to giving to others, please consider a donation to Franciscan Association at 1645 Lemoyne, Chicago, Illinois 60622 franoutreach.org. Please omit flowers. His absence is a silent grief, his life a beautiful memory. May his pure and gentle soul Rest in Peace. Visitation is

Friday, July 10 , 2020 from 6 PM until 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 West Archer Ave.(55th st just west of Harlem). Family and friends are asked to gather at St. Rene Goupil Church on Saturday, July 11, 2020. There will be an hour visitation from 9AM until 10 AM at the Church followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 AM. Joe will be buried next to his parents at. St. Mary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

87th Street & Hamlin Avenue
Evergreen Park, IL 60805

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit
7300 West Archer Ave
Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-0208
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<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Rest In Peace my friend. You were a wonderful person who made many feel welcome at SAS years ago. Always there to lend a hand. You will be missed by many who were touched by the love you shared, the kindness You always displayed, and infectious smile. Eternal rest grant onto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

David Puk - July 10, 2020 at 07:05 PM

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Nancy Gill - July 10, 2020 at 02:38 PM

JJ

“ I want to send my heartfelt sympathy to Joe's family and friends. I have known him over the years, especially from the good times we spent together at SAS events. Sometimes we would see him at Mass at St. Nick's. He was very devoted to his senior groups and his job with his law firm. He was very happy and content living at the nursing home, where he went to Mass almost everyday. RIP Joe I know God has a very special place for you in Heaven.
Joan and Dave Juris



Joan and Dave Juris - July 10, 2020 at 01:08 PM

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Diane McFarland - July 09, 2020 at 01:50 PM

DM

This is Joe, Aunt Marge, Uncle Tom, Uncle Joe at my wedding Diane McFarland

Diane McFarland - July 09, 2020 at 01:51 PM

DM

Joe is my cousin on the Rice side of our family. Very sad to hear of his passing but glad to know he is finally at peace and with his parents again. It was always astonishing how he could remember things and acknowledge birthdays, anniversaries, life and death events. Always had a prayer for someone. May he be remembered for all the kindness he had as well. .

Diane McFarland - July 09, 2020 at 01:57 PM

SR

*I have known Joe for nearly 40 years, primarily from my time at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish. Joe was a good man, with the heart and spirit of a true Franciscan. Rest in Peace, Joe!
Fr. Stan Rataj!*

Stanley G Rataj - July 09, 2020 at 02:13 PM

MB

“ *I met Joe in a social club and always thought how friendly he was. He had a welcoming smile to everyone. He was a great Chicago White Sox fan, and enjoyed the Bears football season also. He had many friends, and I was glad to have known him. Marian*

Marian C Berrigan - July 09, 2020 at 09:40 AM