



# Steven Rice

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**S**teven Rice, age 69, passed away June 3, 2019. He is survived by his daughter, Anne Kathryn Rice, son, Michael Rice, grandchildren, Gianina Larizza and Steven Larizza, sister, Carol Hughes, brother, Robert Rice. He is also survived by his niece and nephew, Laura Waters and Clay Hughes. The family will receive friends at Memorial Park Funeral Home on Sunday, June 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the funeral service celebrating his Life on Monday, June 10 at 3 p.m. at Kirby Woods Baptist Church 6325 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN 38119. The family also invites friends to Greenview Memorial Park in Florence, AL on Tuesday, June 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with the interment to be held on Tuesday, June 11 at 4 p.m. in Greenview Memorial Park in Florence, AL. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Restoration Path Ministries [www.restorationpath.org](http://www.restorationpath.org), The Foresaken Children of Ethiopia [www.theforesakenchildren.org](http://www.theforesakenchildren.org) or Christian Medical and Dental Associations of Memphis [www.cmdamemphis.org](http://www.cmdamemphis.org). The memorial slideshow for Steven Rice may be viewed here:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/S35HSS9SC8S4Z25ZArrangements> have been entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119 (901) 767-8930. "A Fitting Farewell for Everyone".



## Tribute Wall

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BD

**Bill Durham** posted:

I am sorry to learn of Dr. Rice's passing. I am from Mississippi and under his care for several years in the 1990s. He had a genuine interest in his patients. He will be missed. I had no idea that he played the piano. William Durham, Clarksdale, Mississippi

December 23 at 8:37 PM

PK

**Penny Kabakoff** posted:

Not just as great doctor but a fabulous human being. May his memory be a blessing.

September 16 at 11:05 AM

LL

**Lois Muns Lefebvre** posted:

It is with great sadness that Steve has passed away. He was a former Classmate and friend. It was so good to see him last year at our Class Reunion. To Steve's Family I send my Sincere Condolences . May God Bless you all at this time.

June 10 at 2:55 PM

AL

**Alex Labrador** posted:

Dr. Rice you taught me psychiatry but there was so much more I learned from you than that. I will always cherish those times just you & me driving to Mississippi. I owe you so much & I never got the chance to tell you. You are who I try to emulate everyday to the people I care for. Rest In Peace my friend.

June 10 at 3:21 AM

BP

**Betsy Piyavunno** posted:

It was such a pleasure to have worked in the past with Dr Rice !! Dr Rice so loved and cared for each of his patients and was truly one of a kind and will be so missed by us all ! Prayers for his family to stay strong at this most difficult time and to know he is in a better place now !!??????

June 9 at 7:08 AM



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**Kathy Dellefave** posted:

Our deepest condolences to you Michael and your family ! Many blessings, The DelleFave family

June 9 at 5:35 AM



**Ty Walton** posted:

To Anne Kathryn, Michael, and the rest of the family, Thank you for sharing your Dad with us! We were blessed to know him and have him in our lives. His love for God's special angels, his co-workers and those he met was without question! Personally, I remember my graduation and the sentimental gift he gave me that I will always cherish. His life was definitely a reflection of the heart of God! I'm praying for the family in the days ahead that I'm your weakness God's strength will be perfect!??????

June 9 at 3:18 AM



**Elsa Garcia** posted:

It's hard to let go such an incredible man of God, the greatness of his heart, kindness, caring, faithfulness, tenderness, understanding, loyalty, cheerful and giving spirit, thankfulness, strength, ... I will always remember you and follow your godly example. So long so long my beloved friend  
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June 8 at 6:31 PM



**Tonya Russell Shultice** posted:

I can not say enough good things about my friend/co-worker! Such a wonderful, caring doctor and person he was. He helped so many. And, he helped me just by knowing him. I will truly miss Dr. Rice! Keeping his family and friends in my prayers.

June 8 at 6:03 PM



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SA

**Susan Bradley (Little Rock, Ar.)** posted:

Dr. Rice was a very special friend and I shall never forget his kind and loving spirit. I worked on the Skilled Nursing Unit at St. Francis and Dr. Rice checked in with me when on the unit to see what I was doing with the residents and would play the piano when he had few minutes of time. He gave me a CD of his piano music and I still have this CD today. Dr. Rice and I would share laughs and meals out in the community with my husband. He hosted my 50th birthday party at his home. He was always funny, engaging, and endearing. I remember one evening at dinner, he positioned a spoon on the end of his nose and balanced it with static electricity. Dr. Rice wrote a letter of recommendation for me when I applied at the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare and to this day, I still have this wonderful letter, and was hired for the position. I've seen two beautiful rainbows over the last two days and thought and smiled at how Dr. Rice is keeping the angels entertained in the clouds with his music- and his sweet love. I love you, Dr. Rice, and I want you and family to know how special you were to me. Always, Susan Bradley

June 8 at 5:21 PM

SM

**Sharon Mincy** posted:

Dr. Rice was a fine man and a great help to the Ridgeway Boys' Basketball Team. Volunteered his time, talents and finance to support our team's success.

June 8 at 3:45 PM

GH

**Gina Horton** posted:

To the family of Dr. Steve Rice and to all who mourn his loss. Please accept my deepest condolences. ?? May God bless you with His peace and comfort during this difficult season. He was such a godly gentleman, who loved Jesus, life and people. I will miss you Steve and bid you farewell with the words of Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord"

June 8 at 12:38 PM

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June 8 at 12:30 PM



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MH

**Mark Horton** posted:

Never have I met a more mild-mannered, compassionate, dedicated and humble man than Steve Rice. He would unashamedly share his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ with anyone, and treated everyone with kindness, dignity and respect. I am honored to have known him. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

June 8 at 12:19 PM

FG

**Frances Gladney** posted:

My heart is heavy right now. Lord Omighty took another angel to heaven to rest in peace. No more worries, and no more sorrow, cause Dr. Rice is with his maker. He was a gentle, and kind Doctor I am glad I was in his journey through life Rest in peace Doc. We love you Frances Gladney, lp

June 8 at 10:25 AM

TP

**Todd Payne** posted:

I love Steven. He was always so encouraging every time we spoke and he was a tremendous supporter of Bott Radio Network. He was so generous with his time and talents. He will be missed, but I know we will see one another again. My condolences to his family.

June 8 at 10:01 AM

CT

**Charlotte Tomlinson** posted:

Steve was one of the best people I have ever met. His kindness sincere, his intelligence real, his perceptions original, his love profound...Steve epitomized trustworthiness and faith. He shall be sorely missed and frequently remembered. To his family, I send my deepest condolences and say only that he adored you and would want you to be as happy as possible during every moment of life.

June 8 at 9:50 AM

JH

**Jessey Higdon** posted:

Dr. Rice was always a man full of compassion for his fellow man and a man who loved God by his word and his actions. I enjoyed working with him at NMRC. He will be MISSED!!

June 8 at 9:33 AM



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JG

**Jimmie Grisanti** posted:

Dr.Rice was a fantastic physician but more than that he was God's sweet servant to the least of our brethren. He was always so compassionate and kind to everyone and would share his Christian values. I enjoyed working with him many years at Delta Medical. I pray for the family and for Dr. Rice.

June 8 at 8:11 AM

TH

**Taylor Hodge** posted:

Steve was one of the kindest and most genuine people I have known. We were childhood friends and after we reestablished contact on Facebook it wasn't very long before he told me about his relationship with Jesus. We were both thrilled that each other loved Jesus. That was Steve...always concerned about others and willing to share his witness. Though I will miss our chats, I know we will see each other again walking the streets of Heaven.

June 8 at 7:44 AM

DH

**David Hamilton** posted:

I've known D Rice for over 20 years. A fantastic psychiatrist, a great customer and a true friend and man of Christ. I will miss him tremendously

June 8 at 6:53 AM

KK

**Kim & Gail Kirkpatrick** posted:

Ann Kathryn- very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers!

June 6 at 1:49 PM



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AR

**Anne Kathryn Rice** posted:

Dad, thank you for loving me so much. Thank you for always supporting me. Thank you for laughing with me, crying with me, learning with me and learning from me. You taught me so much just by being you. Your generosity, your selflessness, your eagerness to learn from and be friends with everyone. The world has lost a great man. And we will grieve for years to come. But I'll also try and focus on being thankful. For having had you in my life for 38 years, for having felt your loving presence even if I was far away. Gianina and Steven will always hold you near and dear to their hearts, and we will never ever stop telling stories about you. We love you with all of our hearts and we will do our very best to live the way you taught us to live. Only thinking of others, and trying to make this world a better place.

June 6 at 11:53 AM

CL

**Connie Lesley** posted:

We loved Dr. Rice so much! So sad to learn of his passing. Jeremy, my son was his patient for many years . Praying for the family. Not good by Dr. Rice just see you later.....

June 5 at 6:27 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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