



Gerald Wilson Rice

January 3, 1945 - January 18, 2026

Gerald Wilson Rice, a man who was loved by many, took his first heavenly breath on Sunday, January 18, 2026. It was a time we all know he was rejoicing and was completely healed.

Gerald was born in Decatur, Alabama, on January 3, 1945, but grew up and attended school in Hapeville, Georgia. He enlisted in the Air Force after school, served for 4 years, and then joined the National Guard. After the Air Force, he went to work for Delta Airlines, where he was a mechanic for 34 years.

Gerald was a dedicated, hard-working individual. After retiring from Delta Airlines, he took numerous other jobs to keep busy, including working with TSA, Dalton Carpet, Sam's, and working with his wife at Artisan Jewelry.

Those who know Gerald know he was a hard-working and caring man. The way he lived showed a man even more loving, caring, and deeply rooted in Christ. Outside of his family, his deepest passion was mission work and serving the Lord. Gerald took trips to Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua to build and work on homes, churches, schools, and anything else that was needed by others. His gift from God was his hands. He traveled to these other countries, sharing God's love and word, but he also did so locally in his community and in other states.

The one place Gerald loved as much as going to these other places was his church, Sharpsburg Baptist. He loved the people, and he loved being at the church itself. He was instrumental in renovations at the church that included additional Sunday school rooms and a new kitchen. One of the biggest and most meaningful times for him was when he was ordained as a deacon. The church was led to entrust Gerald with that honor, and it was not something he took lightly. He was proud to be a Deacon and to serve and love on those families he was entrusted with.

Gerald did all these things, and he did them with the support and love of his best friend, his anchor, his devoted and loving wife of 45 years, Kathy. Together, they had many adventures and built a loving home. When it comes to a devoted loving couple, they are a true example of what a Godly loving couple should be.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, James Lester Rice and Myrtie Christine Wilson Rice, and his daughter, Cassandra Suzanne Johnson. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Rice; daughter and son-in-law, Tami and Robert Moody; grandchildren, Brittany Moody, Cody (Makenzie) Moody, and Sven (Allison) Johnson; great-grandchildren, Willa and Odin; sister, Carolyn (Stan) Bonner; brother, James (Rita) Rice; and numerous nieces, nephews, and many other loving family members.

We will all miss you, but rejoice knowing you are with our Lord. Rest easy now. The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, love, and prayers during this time. They have been greatly appreciated.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Sharpsburg Baptist Church, 6413 GA-54, Sharpsburg, GA with Dr. Wallace McAbee officiating. Inurnment will be held at 3:00 PM in the Bremen

Cemetery, Reid St., Bremen, GA. The family will receive friends during the hour prior to the service.

Online condolences may be shared by visiting www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sharpsburg Baptist Church
6413 Hwy 54/P.O. Box 127
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Memorial Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sharpsburg Baptist Church
6413 Hwy 54/P.O. Box 127
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Graveside Service

JAN 22. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Bremen Cemetery
Reid St.
Bremen, GA 30110

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Gerald and I met when Sam’s opened, and he set some high standards for his maintenance crew, which we saw in his actions and leadership. So sorry for our shared loss, Kathy. RIP, Gerald, until we meet again.

Rich Davidson - January 21 at 10:20 PM

BP

“ Barbara P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Wilson Rice.

Barbara P. - January 21 at 09:42 AM

SM

“ Gerald was a faithful deacon to our family for years and cherished friend. We extend our deepest sympathy to Kathy and the family.



Sandra Mann - January 20 at 04:35 PM

JD

“ Gerald was a kind man and I respected him. Twice, I was privileged to serve alongside of Gerald on the mission field in Nicaragua. For a time, I was also his Pastor. Prayers for Kathy and family.

Joel Dover - January 20 at 03:22 PM

LW

“ OUR WONDERFUL FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN FRIEND GERALD RICE (HUSBAND OF KATHY RICE), WAS ONE OF THE MOST GODLY MEN I HAVE EVER KNOWN. HE AND KATHY SERVED CHRIST DAILY AND KEPT HIM IN THE CENTER OF THEIR PRECIOUS MARRIAGE. WE WILL MISS HIM SO MUCH, BUT KNOW THAT HE IS NOW WITH OUR LORD AND JOINED WITH SO MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT HAVE GONE ON BEFORE HIM. I JUST KNOW THAT ALL OF HEAVEN REJOICED WHEN GERALD ARRIVED, INCLUDING MY HUSBAND RICKEY AND MY PARENTS, CARL AND RUBY. I THINK OF ALL THE MISSION TRIPS GERALD ORGANIZED, AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SALVATION BECAUSE OF GERALD'S SERVICE ON THE MISSION FIELD, AS WELL AS AT HOME. GERALD LIVED HIS FAITH EVERY DAY, AS DOES KATHY.

Lisa Webb - January 20 at 02:51 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.



January 20 at 02:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.



January 20 at 01:24 PM

LK

“ Layton and Kaye planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Wilson Rice.

Layton and Kaye - January 20 at 01:24 PM

JB

“ Janice and Robert Bearden planted the Gospel of Jesus Christ by donating Gideon Bibles, because Gerald was so dedicated to sharing the gospel in mission work..

Janice Bearden - January 20 at 01:08 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.



January 20 at 11:51 AM

LB

“ Love David and Lela Bearden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Wilson Rice.

Love David and Lela Bearden - January 20 at 11:51 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.*



January 20 at 10:32 AM



“ *From the Engine Team at Delta Air lines. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald Wilson Rice.*

From the Engine Team at Delta Air lines. - January 20 at 10:32 AM



“ *Kim Youngblood purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.*



Kim Youngblood - January 20 at 08:09 AM



“ *Ken and Karen Hayes planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald Wilson Rice.*

Ken and Karen Hayes - January 19 at 08:43 PM

KH

“ Ken and Karen Hayes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.



Ken and Karen Hayes - January 19 at 08:43 PM

PM

“ I have fond memories of Gerald from our days at Eastside! Praying for Kathy and family
Phyllis Simmons Mathews

Phyllis Simmons Mathews - January 19 at 08:21 PM

RF

“ Robert & Marrienne Arnold & Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Wilson Rice.

Robert & Marrienne Arnold & Family. - January 19 at 05:13 PM

RF

“ Robert & Marrienne Arnold & Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.



Robert & Marrienne Arnold & Family. - January 19 at 05:13 PM

DJ

“ Gerald was a very good friend. We had a good time picking on each other. I will miss him. Loved you Gerald.

David Johnson

David Johnson - January 19 at 03:09 PM

LH

“ Love, Sandy and Bert Hodapp purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald Wilson Rice.



Love, Sandy and Bert Hodapp - January 19 at 03:00 PM

LH

“ Love, Sandy and Bert Hodapp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Wilson Rice.

Love, Sandy and Bert Hodapp - January 19 at 03:00 PM

RJ

“ Rest in peace my brother. I have a lot of good memories of our hunts together/ I'm sure you and Mike are telling the Lord deer stories. Ron Jones

Ronld Jones - January 19 at 01:13 PM