

Family...That's Love



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Pall Bearers

Family and Friends



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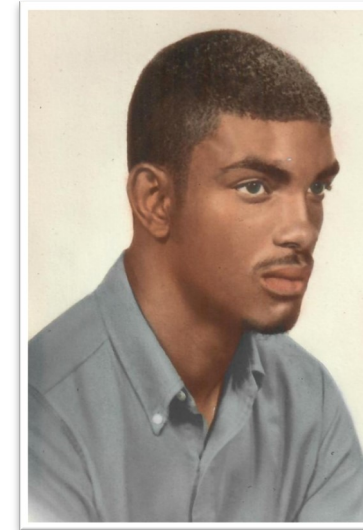
Thank you to everyone who prayed for us and
lifted our spirits through your many acts of kindness
in this season of our lives.

The Family

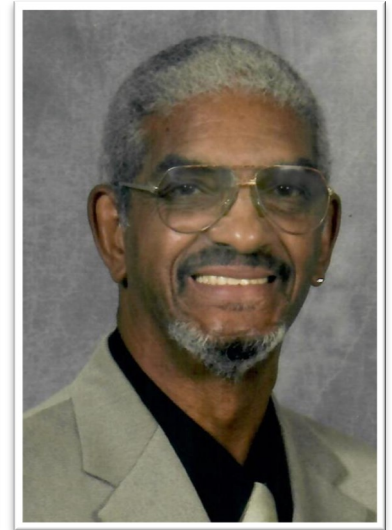
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Celebration of Life and Love *for* *Ellis Ray Rice*



Sunrise
July 4, 1941



Sunset
March 16, 2023



Thursday, March 23, 2023
12:00 P.M.
Carver Road Church of Christ
4399 Carver School Road
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105

Dr. Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
Officiant and Eulogist

Obituary

Ellis Ray Rice was born on July 4, 1941 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the son of Paul and Mamie Rice. He ran his best race and completed his course, on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Ellis was a student-athlete at Atkins High School where he was a member of the football team. During his time there, he played on the 1959 team that won a NC State Football Divisional Championship. He later graduated from Paisley High School, Class of 1961. Ellis' skills on the field enabled him to be offered a football scholarship to attend and play for Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University).

In an effort to assist his mother and provide for the family, Ellis declined the scholarship and accepted a job at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. After 34 years of dedicated service, he retired as a processing supervisor in 1995.

Ellis was baptized in June of 1976 at Castle Heights Church of Christ and continued his membership when it later became Carver Road Church of Christ. He also faithfully supported the North Patterson Avenue Church of Christ.

In addition to spending quality time with his family, he enjoyed playing golf and watching football. His motto, understood by family and friends was, "I laugh and joke, but I don't play."

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Hedy Tabor Rice; his parents; two sisters, Pauline Caldwell and Revia Rice McNebb; and brothers, Calvinor and Alvin Rice.

Those who remain to cherish his memory and honor his legacy include his devoted children: Trelya Rice (Derrick) Thompson and Tauric Lamar (Candice) Rice; loving grandchildren, Tauryn Rae Thompson, Deren Roosevelt Thompson, Roman Lamar Rice, Mason Ellis Rice, and Adrianna Raegan Lynn Rice; one sister, Rosa Rice; two brothers, Kenneth Raymond (Mary) Rice and David Rice; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Clergy and Family

Family Visitation

11:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Brother Robert Norris

New Testament

Brother Simon Johnson

Prayer

Brother Barry Robinson

Selection

"Where The Soul Never Dies"
Brother James Gadson

Church Resolution

Brother John Foxworth

Remarks (Two minutes, please) Family and Friends

Selection

"Anywhere Is Home"
Brother James Gadson

Eulogy

Dr. Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.

Selection

"I'll Fly Away"
Brother James Gadson

Recessional

Interment

Gardens of Memory
5676 Old Walkertown Road
Walkertown, NC

In Memoriam



That Man is a Success

Who has lived well,
laughed often and loved much;
Who has gained the respect
of intelligent men and the love of children;
Who has filled his niche
and accomplished his task;
Who leaves the world better than he found it,
whether by an improved poppy
or a perfect poem or a rescued soul;
Who never lacked appreciation of earth's
beauty or failed to express it;
Who looked for the best in others
and gave the best he had.

-Robert Louis Stevenson