



Gary Joseph Rice

October 31, 1937 - April 22, 2024

Gary Joseph Rice of Lake Placid, Florida passed away on April 22nd, at the age of 86. Gary was born and raised in Davenport, Iowa, the second of four children born to Earl and Bernice (Moore) Rice.

After high school, Gary enlisted in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged after serving for four years. He later worked as an air traffic controller in the Chicago area, where he met and married Judith Anne Buffo. They had four children and the family relocated in 1973 to Lake Placid, where he resided until his death.

Gary is survived by his four children: daughter Teri Swartz (Eric), daughter Julie Filmer (Brian), son Michael Rice, and daughter Vicki Million (Jon); sisters Mary Jo Frederick and Vicki Jaeger, brother Dennis Rice, and seven grandchildren: Cameron Swartz, Patrick Swartz, Mason Million, Logan Million, Leah Filmer, Alyssa Filmer, and Braden Million.

We will all miss him very much.

Memorial service arrangements are still pending at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes for donations to be made, in Gary's name, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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