



Richard Jay Rice

August 22, 1962 - April 24, 2022

Richard Jay Rice was born August 22, 1962 in Erie, Pennsylvania. He passed away on April 24, 2022 in Tallahassee, FL after an extended illness. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Pauline, and father, Richard James Rice. Richard leaves behind his children, Amanda Marie Sauls (Sam), Richard Jarrett Rice of Tallahassee and his sister, Leigh Raye Rice of Boynton Beach, FL. He is also survived by his stepchildren, Miles Bryant (Andrea), Hunter Vincent (Meghann) and Halee Shemane Hollis. He will be greatly missed by all.

Richard was a gifted athlete. Playing sports in his early years and serving as a baseball closer for the University of Florida, he was once known as Richard "The Train". He was also a walk-on for the University of Florida football program. He took delight in sharing the story of how he missed a tackle on national TV, where the infamous Hershel Walker got the best of him! Richard was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles, where he was a pitcher for seven years. He also had a short run with the Tampa Bay Bucs.

Living in Tallahassee for most of his adult life, Richard worked for the Leon County Sheriff's Department and later for the Office of Court Administration. Richard was a true outdoorsman. He had a passion for anything outdoors, including hunting, boating, motorcycles; and, in his last years, spending time in his mountain home in Young Harris, GA. He was known for his quick wit

and keen sense of humor, which was uplifting to all who knew him.

A celebration of Richard's life will be announced at a later date.

The family is being assisted by James Sircy and Jackie Fulford of Young Fulford Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Jay Rice*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Richard Jay Rice*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *I've lost a dear friend in Rich. He and I were teammates at the University of Florida. I'll always remember his humor and outdoorsman skills. We shared some of my fondest memories on the baseball diamond and hunting in south Ga. Unfortunately I lost contact with him years ago and only found out about his passing today.*

He was a great guy...and a friend. I cannot express my lose. My deepest sympathy to his spouse and children.

Dennis Hughes - October 08, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Richard Jay Rice*

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Rich Rice family. I have great memories traveling with Rich for Bronco and Pony baseball World Series. He was an amazing person and ballplayer. I always thought of him as our Palm Beach Counties Nolan Ryan. RIP Rich*

Dennis Carpenter - May 01, 2022 at 12:27 PM

LB

“ I worked with Richard years ago at Leon County Sheriff's Office. He was a nice guy. I will always remember his hearty laugh. "God's speed my friend, enjoy Heaven."

Liz Black - April 29, 2022 at 08:30 AM

ML

“ My name is Mark Lindsey. Richard was one of my best friends we were roommates during the 1974 World Series And we spent every weekend at each other's house all through our early teens. My deepest condolences to his family

mark Lindsey - April 28, 2022 at 08:35 PM

SH

Mark, thank you for remembering Richard:)

shemane - April 28, 2022 at 09:51 PM

RE

“ We knew Richard for short time, he had good sense of humor, loved his family, and mountain home and seeing all the wildlife, deer & turkey. He loved fried chicken. We will miss him. Praying for his family.

Ronnie and Linda Eavenson - April 28, 2022 at 08:33 PM

SH

You guys were like his second parents. Thank you for all the kindness showed Richard. He loved you like family:)

shemane - April 28, 2022 at 09:56 PM

AS

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Amanda Sauls - April 28, 2022 at 11:25 AM

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Shemane - April 27, 2022 at 07:43 PM