



William G. Rice

September 26, 1961 - August 28, 2010

William G. Rice, 48, of Lakeville, formerly of Clarion, died on Saturday, August 28, 2010, in Dunmore.

Born on September 26, 1961, in Brookville, he was the son of Gordon J. Rice Jr. and Dorothy Reinsel Rice of Clarion.

Mr. Rice was married on February 14, 1989, to the former Janet Accetturo, who survives.

He was a graduate of Clarion Area High School and Gannon University in 1985. He attended University of St. Thomas in Houston, TX, and graduated from Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, PA in 1993. Prior to law school, he worked for National Fuel Gas in Erie. He was a law clerk for Judge Harold A. Thomson, Pike County; and was a Pike County Public Defender. He was a former County Solicitor, and a former partner with Arthur Ridley at Ridley & Rice. He was currently employed by Weinstein, Schneider, Kannebecker, & Lokuta.

Mr. Rice was a member of the Queen of Peace Church in Hawley, PA; and the Knights of Columbus Hawley Council #797. Also, he was a long time treasurer of the Greeley Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by his four daughters, Keyne Elizabeth, Margaret Mary, Natalie Rachel, and Emily Therese Rice at home; four siblings, Sherrie Smith and her husband, Brad, of Franklin, WI; Joseph Rice and his wife, Bonnie, of Clarion; Mary Jeanne Bagileo and her husband, Nick, of Laurel, MD; and Kathleen McElravy and her husband, Rob, of

Shippenville; many beloved nieces, nephews, and godchildren; and his godmother, Helen Stahlman of Clarion.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Marie Rice in 1961.

Callings hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2010, in the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion.

Celebrants will be Rev. Peter Pilsner, Rev. William A. Rice, uncle, and Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Interment will follow at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Clarion.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in his name to: Greeley Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 99, Greeley, PA 18425; and the Queen of Peace Church, 314 Chestnut Avenue, Hawley, PA 18428.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Gordon and Dorothy,

So sorry to hear about Bill. Read the obituary in the Clarion paper. Please accept our sincere condolences. God bless both of you and your family. We will say prayers for all of you at mass.

Jack and Peggy

Jack & Peggy Baum - September 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are both more sorry than words can tell at the loss of your son. You are in our prayers.

Janet & Bernie Betz - September 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I attended high school with Bill and many of my fondest high school memories include Bill. He will be missed but never forgotten for it is our memories that shape who we are and he touched all of us with his humor, kindness, and wisdom.

Terri (Bauer) Powers - September 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Even though I haven't seen you in a long time. I still remember the time when Robin and I came up to Dickinson School for a visit. Janet you and the girls should be feeling lots of hugs and prayers coming your way from Baltimore.

Diana Price - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Laurie and I send our thoughts and prayers to the Rice family for your loss. We haven't seen Bill since college days, but will always remember him for his laugh and sense of humor. He was truly a special person, and we are all blessed for having known him and having him been part of our life.

Brian Etzel - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My condolences go out to your family in this difficult time. I remember Bill from high school and what a fun guy he was. My sister Sharon and I kept in touch with him during his illness and prayed for him endlessly. We will remember him always as an avid Steeler fan and will think of him everytime we watch a game. May God Bless your family during this time of sorrow.

Connie Parker - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ My sincerest sympathy goes out to the Rice Family.

Bonnie (Carroll) Judy - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ Shannon and I are so sorry to hear of this tragedy, Janet. You and the family will be in our thoughts and prayer.

Mari Zanolli - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ so sorry my heart goes out to the whole family i feel your pain and sorrow god bless

sherran - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Very sorry that such a fine person is gone from this earth for a while. Bill got me started in business, a wonderful start...and it's been quite a ride. Just yesterday, when I got my last of many parling tickets, I remember him telling me is was more economical to get a ticket once in a while than to put a quarter in every couple of hours. It has paid off in the long run. Thank you Bill, for everything! May God bless, as I know He already has, your family.*

Shanelle - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Janet,
Since I got the news about Bill, I've been thinking about all the good times you, me, he and Ted had when we were together. When you first got married, then when all our kids came. We didn't get to have him long enough, but Ted and I are grateful we got to have him as a friend. Last year at dinner in Scranton, when he was feeling better for awhile and it was like old times, and a few months ago when we came out and Sadi got to see her godfather are especially precious memories now.
Give each of the girls a hug from us until we can hug them ourselves.
Jeanne*

Jeanne Starmack - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Rice family.*

Cut and Lisa McClaine - August 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To the Rice family ~ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I remember him from our days at CAHS and his love of sports. You are in my thoughts during this most difficult time.

*Karla Smith
CAHS Class of 1979*

Karla Smith - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Please know that Keith and I are very saddened for your family, Our thoughts and prayer go out to your family.

Keith and Loretta Slaugenhaupt - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My heartfelt condolences to Janet and the entire Rice family. Bill was a good friend and confidant. He always helped me find the humor in the things that I considered to be troubling. Bill and his entire family always made me feel welcome and part of the family whenever I visited them. To Janet, Keyne, Maggie, Natalie, and Emily and family. My sincere sympathy and prayers go out to you at this most difficult time. I will miss him always.

Kevin

Kevin Holt - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To the Rice Family,
Please know that I am thinking of you all and remembering fond memories of Bill in high school. I have not seen him in years, but I hear he was a wonderful father to his children. Bill was genuinely interested in others and always had a kind word to say. Kathy, I am sending you a big hug as I know how it feels to lose a brother. I'd like to think that Bill is at peace now and doesn't have to endure anymore pain. God bless you all. Margie

Margie Nanz Smilowitz - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Sorry for the loss of Bill. I haven't seen in a long time but our families have always been close.

Sandy Litziger - August 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM