



## Ronald G. Rice

August 13, 1930 - June 5, 2016

Ronald George Rice passed away Sunday, June 5, 2016, in Vacaville after a long illness. He was born in Napa, but Benicia has always been his home. He worked at Travis Air Force Base, in civil service for Housing Maintenance, for over 20 years, retiring in 1987. Also retired Volunteer Benicia Fire Department Chief and Retired Air Force Reserves Senior Master Sargent.

His love of Benicia, it's history and the community were evident by his vast involvement

in many service clubs, groups and organizations, such as – Past Benicia School Board Member, Past President of Benicia Little League, Life Time member of Native Sons, American Legion, Redmen, and VFW Club, Co-Founder and Museum Director of Benicia Fire Department Museum, Docent of Benicia Camel Barns Museum, Docent of Benicia State Capitol, 1st President of California Fire Muster Association, Avid Fire Muster Competitor and Announcer, 1st Recipient of the Ron Rice Volunteer of the year Award for outstanding service to the City of Benicia. Ron was also a Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Ron also loved to restore antique tools, do wood working, participate in many hunting trips and travel with his wife and family.

Ronald is survived by sons Tom (Debra) Rice, Mark (Susan) Rice and Dan (Debra) Rice; daughters Annie (Richard) Wulff and Theresa (Mark)

Magnuson; grandchildren Joshua (Allison) Rice, Jeremiah (Stephanie) Rice, Kyle (Anna) Rice, Chelsey Rice, Amanda (Brendan) Nelson, Lucas Wulff, Jacob Wulff, Isaac Rice, Jordan Rice, Cynthia Dailey, Sydney Magnuson and Chad Magnuson; and great grandchildren Peyton Rice, Bailey Rice, Taylor Rice, Mackenzie Rice, Dominick Rice & Lucille Rice, and many other extended family members. Ron is predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Georgina Hope Rice.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., on June 11, 2016, at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will be private. The family prefers donations to the Northbay Hospice, Fairfield, CA, or any local favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronald G. Rice*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Dear Rice family,*

*I'm sure that Ron is very proud of the life he lived and all of you. When I first met him as a Jr. Explorer at BFD back in the 80's, he quickly became a mentor and in many ways helped begin the shaping of my career as a volunteer firefighter. I loved attending many muster's with him and the other volunteers but most of all appreciated his life wisdom, his historical knowledge of our City and the fire service and our hunting trips. He was a role model to many of us and great friend. He will be missed. Rest in peace our friend.*

*Randy Champion, Captain  
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District*

**Randy Champion** - June 10, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *Love, Dave & Rose Ann (Miller) McCaslin purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Ronald G. Rice.*



**Love, Dave & Rose Ann (Miller) McCaslin** - June 08, 2016 at 04:59 PM