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Richard "Dick" Rice stepped into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from his home on March 26, 2014, after complications of heart failure. He was born November 6, 1938, in Gooding, ID to Philip and Peggy Rice. He graduated from high school in 1957, and attended Wenatchee Valley College for two years. He married Rosemary Pennel on October 3, 1959, in Wenatchee. They resided in East Wenatchee throughout their marriage, where they also raised four children. Dick was a carpenter's helper, working at Rocky Reach Dam beginning in 1958. He went on to work for the Wenatchee Oxygen Company in 1959, and in addition, planted a cherry orchard in 1962. Starting in 1963, he was employed at Cascadian Fruit Shippers and continued to work with this company until his semi-retirement after 43 years. Throughout his retirement, Dick continued as an orchardist; performed mechanical and refrigeration work on cars; was active in numerous car clubs, including being President of WVAAC; and was deeply committed to volunteer ministry work at his church, Wenatchee First Assembly of God. He will be remembered as a loving husband, committed family man and a person who never met a stranger. Dick was passionate about life and living it to the max, found it hard to say "no" to anyone, and was diligent to pursue excellence in all of his work.

A trustworthy, honorable man with a great big heart, who has been a friend to many and was loved by hundreds.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Paul. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary; his four children, Steve (Ginger) Rice, Rob Rice, Ron (Joyce) Rice and Rose "Sissie" Rice; his granddaughter, Madelyn Rice; his sister, Nancy Hanan; and his sister-in-law, Jeannine Rice.

A Funeral Service will be held Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at Wenatchee First Assembly of God, 1520 McKittrick Street, Wenatchee. Concluding Services and Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park. Viewing will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Royal Family Kids Camp, c/o Wenatchee First Assembly of God. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“ *We were sorry to learn of Dick's passing. Our thoughts and prayers to your family.* ”

Dennis and Donna Schooley - April 02, 2014 at 11:12 PM