



Mayor David Rice

January 16, 1948 - November 27, 2015

David E. Rice Sr., 67, Mayor of Silex passed tragically on November 27, 2015 in a motor vehicle accident. Cremation rites were under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Silex, according to his wishes.

A Memorial Celebration of Life will be held at the Silex Community Building, 310 Cherry Street Silex, MO. 63377, on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 11-7 pm. with Military Honors at 1:00 p.m. being conducted by VFW Post 5553 and Missouri Military Honors.

David was born in Kansas City, Missouri on January 16, 1948 the son of Robert and Emma (Ziegler) Rice. On June 17, 1967 he married Helen (Neth) in Sedalia.

He was a member of the United States Airforce reserves for 6 years. David grew up farming, building and driving heavy equipment. He was able to take nothing and turn it into something. He retired from St Charles County Parks and Recreation in 2012. That's when he decided his work wasn't finished, so he decided to run for and was elected Mayor of the small town of Silex after being an alderman for a few years.

He's survived by his wife of 48 years, Helen Rice. Other survivors include son David E. Rice Jr. and daughter Heather (Bob) Ackman. 3 grandchildren

Ashley, Rachel and Ryan. Sister Karen (Carl) Ostanek. Loved Brother-in-law,
Uncle and Friend.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to a memorial fund to help support
his wife at...

www.crowdrise.com/mayordavidricememori1

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration of Life

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Silex Community Building
Hwy E
Silex, MO 63377

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Worked with Dave for 12 years at St Charles County Parks. Many great memories, would always help anybody, give you the shirt off his back, and cared deeply about what he was doing. Gave me one of his miniature wood art. Will miss him.*

Roger Jonas



Roger Jonas - December 06, 2015 at 09:02 AM

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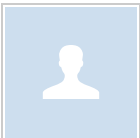
“ *As children, David and I grew up together through the 8th grade at Louisburg, KS. My family then moved to Oregon. I was hoping to meet him again next year at the 50th year class reunion. I am so very sorry for your family's loss and the loss to the community. My Sincerest regards, Richard "Dick" Young.*

Richard Young - December 04, 2015 at 12:02 AM



“ Thank you all so much for the kind words. He loved the town of Silex, the residence and all those who came to visit or eat lunch at the community building He loved his job with St. Charles and everyone he worked with. Everytime I would come to visit he would always take me there to show me the parks. My father was my hero. He was a jack of all trades and no matter when it was if I needed help he would come. I have so many great memories of him and met so many great people thru him. He amazed me on a daily basis of things he could do and would do to help anyone who ever needed it. I lived in an apartment in St. Charles for a while and I am diabetic. I locked my keys in the apartment and couldn't get my insulin. I tried calling the maintenance staff but it was after hours and couldn't get an answer. I called him to see if he could bring me a ladder so I could climb the back patios to go in the back door. He arrived quickly and we put the ladder up but it wasn't tall enough. I told him I was going to my car to get my phone in the parking lot to try and call maintenance again. When I came back he was pulling himself up by his hands over the railing of my back deck. At 60 years old he had pulled himself up three stories to bet to the back door. I was amazed but he knew I needed my insulin and nothing would stop him. I miss you Dad and I am lost without you. You gave me the best honor I could ever have by naming me after you. Rest in peace my hero.

David Rice - December 02, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mayor David Rice.



December 02, 2015 at 12:08 PM

DN

“ *Very sorry to hear this. David was a good man and a great friend to many in Louisburg, Ks. Prayers to your family. David & Loree Neill, Louisburg, Kansas.*

David & Loree Neill - December 01, 2015 at 10:33 PM

BY

“ *Our sincere condolences to all his family and friends~what a legacy of gentle kindness and friendship he personified....Dave helped build the St. Charles County Parks into an entity that so many generations of families enjoy.*

His smiles, hard work, can-do attitude, and decent, steadfast spirit will never be forgotten. We sure didn't want to see him retire, but he left a rock solid mark in the development of the county parks history. When my Mom passed, he made a special point of coming in to see me, and gave me a gift of a miniature cabin he had specially handcrafted of wood pieces. I asked him to sign it, as an artist would, and he chuckled and was all embarrassed, but sign it he did, and then gave me a hug as he said how sorry he was.....I will never forget his gentle goodwill. He just always made a person feel better, no matter what.

It is often said how the "good" are taken too soon---selfishly perhaps, we all feel that, but I know Dave is in a place of beautiful rest, and will be looking after all of his friends and family in that special Guardian Angel way.....that's just Dave.

*As your hearts heal, may you smile at many, many good memories~
Bettie Yahn-Kramer and All the Parks Staff at St. Charles County Parks*



Bettie Yahn-Kramer - December 01, 2015 at 03:12 PM

CZ

“ Cheryl Zeh lit a candle in memory of Mayor David Rice



Cheryl zeh - December 01, 2015 at 02:03 PM

CZ

“ He was a wonderful hard working man! Everywhere u go in Silex the yards he mowed, things he built and things he did to clean up after the floods, you can see him! He will never be forgotten! He will never be replaced I don't know what this town will do without him! He worked from sun up to sun down! David u will never be forgotten! We miss u soooo much already!

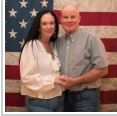
Cheryl zeh - December 01, 2015 at 02:02 PM

Cynde Huber

“ Mayor Rice will be missed by many. Our family lost our beloved Trent Huber 3 years ago, a few months after Trent passed away, we held a Glow 5K Memorial Run, and David was right there by our side, lending a helping hand, encouraging us, praying with us and shared such kind words with our town in our time of need. My heart is saddened by the loss of such a great man, Many thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. God Bless.



Cynde Huber - November 30, 2015 at 10:27 PM



I was telling someone today about the kindness he showed to all of you during that time. He was a kind man.

Julie Huber-Rodgers - November 30, 2015 at 10:33 PM

RA

“ *He was a great person! He will be missed. Mayor Rice was kind and did so much for the Silex Community and the ones who live here.*

Ramsey - November 30, 2015 at 10:05 PM



Thank you for the kind words about my father. We are having a pot luck celebration for him on Saturday December 5th from 11 am to 7pm. He loved everyone in the community and all those who visited. He worked very hard to make Silex clean and beautiful. I was hoping once he retired he would have time to relax but that's not who he was. He was constantly mowing the grass, helping with the sewer and water lines. His heart was always into helping others. A few years ago I had been locked outside of the apartment I was staying in and needed my insulin. It was after hours and I couldn't reach the maintenance staff. I called him and asked if I could borrow his ladder to try to climb up the back patios to get to the back door. He was there quickly and saw how high up it was (4th floor) the ladder wasn't tall enough to make it. I went back to call the maintenance team again on my cell which was in my car. When I came back he was pulling himself up the 4 floors by his hands. He grabbed onto each deck and pulled himself all the way up. I kept telling him to stop but he wanted to help and he did. He blessed me with his name and I only hope to be half the man he was. I love you dad and will miss you dearly. Thank you all again and please come for him on December 5th.

David Rice - December 01, 2015 at 05:49 AM