



## Robert Lee Rice

December 24, 1944 - March 19, 2022

Robert “Bob” Lee Rice, 77, of Chanute passed on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center. Bob was born on December 24, 1944, in Chanute to Ori Lee and Flossie Violeta (Clark) Rice.

Bob grew up in Chanute and attended the local schools. On June 11, 1965, Bob married the love of his life, Betty Sue Nicholas. They were married for forty-seven years until her passing on May 15, 2013.

Bob served the Chanute community honorably as a fireman for 20 years. When Bob was not busy working as a fireman, he loved to spend time outdoors, hunting, fishing, racing, and camping. Bob also was a mechanic and an auto enthusiast.

Bob was a member of the Firefighter’s association. He will always be remembered as a very independent person and as a loving grandfather that always wanted to know what was going on in his grandchildren’s lives.

Bob is survived by:

Two Sons:

Bobby Rice and his wife Brenda of Chanute, KS

John Rice and his wife Janea of Yates Center, KS

Daughter:

Janette Brinkman and her husband James of Chanute, KS

Ten Grandchildren

One Great-Grandchild

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, wife Betty, sisters: Lavera

Jennings, Lucille Hoover, and his brother Bill Lowe.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the funeral home. Funeral service will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the funeral home with burial to follow at the Shaw Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to the Chanute Firefighter's Auxiliary and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## Shaw Cemetery

Shaw, KS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

**MAR 25.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Burial

**MAR 25** (CT)

Shaw Cemetery  
Shaw, KS



# Tribute Wall



“ *I'm sorry I missed his service. He was a wonderful man. I miss him already!* ”

Adrienne - March 26, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rice.* ”



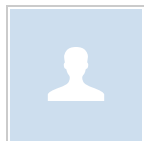
March 24, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rice.* ”



March 23, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Rice.* ”



March 23, 2022 at 07:46 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear about Bob. Worked with him for 17 years, I was on PD side, he was on FD side...I was radio operator, sent him to many fires, remember eating breakfast many times Sat or Sun mornings at fire dept. Boy were they good too. Prayers for the family.

Mike Myers

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**Mike Myers** - March 23, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JJ

“ I’m so sorry for his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and all of Bob’s Family and friends. Our Families all grew up just a block away on North Garfield. Bob was good friends with my brothers Byrle, Ron & Neil Haynes. Bob & Byrle we’re always doing things together back then too. In our neighborhood everyone seemed like family & holidays were always often shared in one way or another. I remember one 4th of July all the boys had lots of fireworks big explosion would be going off outside because they were all throwing them at one another. Now my Mom would make us 3 younger Haynes kids - Pattie, William & I (Janice) stay inside the house because the boys were 10 years older then I was & Mom knew it wasn’t safe. So us 3 kids would watch out of our picture window. Well this one time all those boys around the ages of 18-20 years old were throwing those, I believe M80s, at one another. My brother Byrle had just gotten a new red car that he had the windows rolled down parked in the so called Battle Field. Now these guys showed no mercy! Well Byrle threw something at one of them then jumped into his car, then someone tossed one into his back seat as he was jumping in, it blew a hole in his car seat! My Mom said see you kids that’s why you 3 can not go out there because they’re all crazy!! Aww life on North Garfield had lots of kids back in the 50s - 70s that was just like one BIG HAPPY FAMILY! Back in the day’s Neighbors took care of one another & enjoyed being together too. It was real concern for everyone from the heart, not just blowing up things either they all helped to get that car seat replaced too. Rest In Peace dear friend now your up there with Byrle, Ron & Neil Haynes it seems like most of the neighbors are there as well. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Janice Haynes Jones

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**Janice Haynes Jones** - March 22, 2022 at 02:11 PM

EE

*I remember my husband helping Bob put a new motor together. Had fun that day . . .we would always see him at hillside and Eddie would visit after he got what parts he needed...last time we seen Bob was when my dad became his roommate a couple years ago at heritage...I would bring him tomatoes and fried green tomatoes....hee liked hi tomatoes...he will be missed ..we lived on 800 and Garfield...sending our condolences to the family...he will always be remembered*

**Evelyn and Eddie ewing** - March 22, 2022 at 05:51 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss 🙏🙏 praying for his family and friends ❤️ Rest In peace Bob 😇 Bob and my Brothers Byrle and Ronald (Bub) Haynes ran around together We live there on Garfield 1020 and Bob live up the hill I never forget on 4 of July when my brothers and their friend would throw firecrackers at each other and cherry bombs My Mother would yell at them to stop but they would laugh and keep on going ❤️ He was a real nice guy and Betty was a lovely lady 🌸 So sorry to his family 😇 (Pattie Haynes ) ❤️ Love John & Pattie McMurtray now ( Neighbor for a long time)

**John & Patricia Haynes McMurtray** - March 22, 2022 at 12:04 AM

AL

“ Amy Ludlum lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rice



**Amy Ludlum** - March 21, 2022 at 07:53 PM

GB

“ Greg Barker lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Rice



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**Greg Barker** - March 21, 2022 at 05:32 PM

GB

“ Bob and the gang were my first racing family. Some of my favorite times was going to the races with them. I also would stop at his room at Heritage when I worked there (maintenance) and talk about the racing days or the grandkids. Will miss his laugh and sarcasm.

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**Greg Barker** - March 21, 2022 at 05:30 PM