



George Soren Rice Jr.

January 29, 1929 - May 8, 2022

George S. Rice Jr., age 93 of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at the Glendive Medical Center in Glendive. A visitation will be held from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 in the Intake Cemetery near Intake, Montana. Following the graveside service, a reception will be held at 12:00 pm at the EPEC in Glendive. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

On January 29, 1929, George and Ottoni (Pedersen) Rice gave birth to a son, George Soren Rice, Jr. He joined a sister Phyliss Lorraine. They lived in Oklahoma. When George Jr. (Sonny) was four years old, George and Ottoni gathered up the kids, now four of them, and moved to Eastern Montana to try their hand at irrigated farming, leaving the dust bowl of Oklahoma behind.

Sonny and his siblings eventually numbered ten. Phyliss "Lorraine", George Jr. "Sonny", Virginia, Eloise, Eldon, Buford, Bert, Steve, Emery, and Jim.

This family grew up on a farm along the Yellowstone River in Dawson County, about

twenty-two miles north of Glendive, Montana. George Jr. and his siblings attended grade school at a small country school (Washington school) a half mile from their house. He spoke of taking lard sandwiches for his lunches!

Can you imagine fixing lunches for that many kids!? When it was time for George to enter high school, he went to Savage High School and graduated in

1948. After graduating he wanted his dad to buy him a Harley Davidson. He didn't get his Harley so he enlisted in the Army Air Force. He served for about a year and received an honorable discharge to return home to help on the family farm, due to his mother's severe illness.

Later he worked for Rahr's meat service, delivering to supermarkets where he met a very nice young lady by the name of Jenny Schmidt. They were married on June 1, 1953. They had three children, Debbie (Ned) Sikveland, Dan (Debbie Alberg), and David (Jo Kauffman). Together they farmed near Intake. And began his life-long dream of being a farmer.

George was an active leader and supporter of 4-H throughout the community. Some of his community involvement included: Midrivers, Stockgrowers, GATE, EPEC, Farm Bureau, Livestock Protection Agency, Dawson Community College and many others. He was a big believer in community involvement. The farm was his world. His favorite job was cutting alfalfa on his John Deere tractor! But he enjoyed it all.

George passed away on May 8, 2022 at the Glendive Hospital at the age of ninety-three. He was preceded in death by his wife Jenny of almost sixty-nine years; his parents George and Ottoni Rice; sister Lorraine, brother Elden, and great grandson Judah Lachmann.

George is survived by children Debbie (Ned) Sikveland, Dan (Debbie Alberg), and David (Jo Kauffman); siblings Virginia Rahr, Eloise Edwards, Buford, Bert, Steve, Emery, and Jim; grandchildren and great grandchildren: Rex (Kacie) Sikveland (Tristan, Beau, Chassie, and Maysen); Heidi (Reever) Nelson (Spencer, Brock, Aspen); Nikki (Caleb) Lachmann (Lenya), DJ Rice; Abby (Justin) Leach, Katie Rice. Tristan and his wife, Alissa, blessed George and Jenny with their first Great-Great Grandchild, Kolt Jack Sikveland. Making it five generations!!

Suggested memorials can be made to the George and Ottoni Rice memorial at Dawson Community College and the EPEC in Glendive, Montana.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Intake Cemetery

Intake, MT

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
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Graveside Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM.

Intake Cemetery Near Intake
Intake, MT

Reception

MAY 18. 12:00 PM (MT)

Eastern Plains Event Center (EPEC)
313 South Merrill Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *George Soren Rice Jr.*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Many memories of the Rices they are a very Very nice family. We my husband and family were always treated nice and felt like family. RIP Sonny and enjoy your family in Heaven Be sure to tell George Sr. Hi God Bless you all. Joan Roche*



Joan Roche - May 18, 2022 at 08:51 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Soren Rice Jr..*



May 16, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *Prayers are extended to the Rice families*



Betty Goss Shearer - May 14, 2022 at 07:15 PM

PM

“ *Pat And Patty Micheletto lit a candle in memory of George Soren Rice Jr.*



Pat and Patty Micheletto - May 14, 2022 at 12:18 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of George Soren Rice Jr..

May 13, 2022 at 01:19 PM

TS

“ *The Rice Siblings purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of George Soren Rice Jr..*



The Rice Siblings - May 12, 2022 at 05:40 PM

NB

“ *Sending our love and prayers during this sad time - Uncle George will be missed by so many.*



Nancy Betts - May 12, 2022 at 10:36 AM

GE

“ Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of George Soren Rice Jr.



Grace Koffler Evinrude - May 12, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ Heather Frank lit a candle in memory of George Soren Rice Jr.



Heather Frank - May 11, 2022 at 11:01 PM

MG

“ Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of George Soren Rice Jr.



Marlene Gehnert - May 11, 2022 at 12:29 PM

LP

“ Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of George Soren Rice Jr..



Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project - May 11, 2022 at 09:35 AM

JL

“ *Jeanne Loberg lit a candle in memory of George Soren Rice Jr.*



Jeanne loberg - May 11, 2022 at 06:41 AM

KN

“ *KEITH AND DONNA NELSON lit a candle in memory of George Soren Rice Jr.*



KEITH AND DONNA NELSON - May 10, 2022 at 09:54 PM



“ *The Rice's visit to the Ray Schmidt 90th birthday in 2012. Good times. I remember George hiking down the hill to check out the boat at the bottom of the slope.*



Mike Ray - May 10, 2022 at 08:58 PM

MG

“ *Marlene Gehnert lit a candle in memory of George Soren Rice Jr.*



Marlene Gehnert - May 09, 2022 at 04:37 PM

BF

Deb, Dan , Dave and families,

We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May you be given extra strength to heal during yet another sad time. It's so hard to loose both parents within months of each other. Sending lots of love, strength and prayers for everyone. Your parents were great people and raised a pretty fantastic family. ❤️🙏❤️

Bert, Denise Stambaugh & family - May 10, 2022 at 09:49 AM