



## Willis "Papa Bud" Rice Jr.

July 13, 1930 - January 23, 2025

Willis "Papa Bud" Rice, Jr., 94, of Chickamauga, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, January 23, 2025. He was born in Skentimy, New York on July 13, 1930 and had lived in Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma for more than 20 years, before returning to the North Georgia area in 2016. He was of the Methodist faith and was an Army Veteran having served during the Korean Conflict. He retired from Combustion Engineering in 1986 after more than 30 years of service as a Mechanical Engineer and loved spending time with his family & friends. He enjoyed fishing and had a passion for flying RC models with his friends in Menlo. He was a loving and devoted brother, husband, father and friend that will be truly missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Louise Ward Rice and daughter, Lisa Rice.

Survivors include his step-sons, Tim & (Tonya) Perkins and Robert Ted & (Barbara) Perkins; brother, Richard Rice; 9 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and numerous extended family & friends.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 8, 2024 in the J. Avery Bryan Chapel. The family will receive friends from 1 ~ 3 p.m. on Saturday prior to the service. Burial will be private.

Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Wilson

Funeral Homes J. Avery Bryan Chapel, Chickamauga, Georgia.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bud was a wonderful neighbor and friend! We always enjoyed our visits with him! We were blessed to know him!! This is a picture of the neighborhood celebration of his 90th birthday in 2020 💖



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**Karen Mathis** - February 08, 2025 at 01:53 PM

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“ Bud was our “adopted” lake dad to Jack and Me, and Papa Bud for Jon. He filled a big hole in our hearts. He taught us lessons like cleaning fish, sailing remote control boats (and watched him fly his remote control airplanes). He will be missed by so many!  
Connie, Jack, and Jon Stefanick

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**connie stefanick** - January 25, 2025 at 01:50 PM