



### *Acknowledgements*

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### *Pallbearers*

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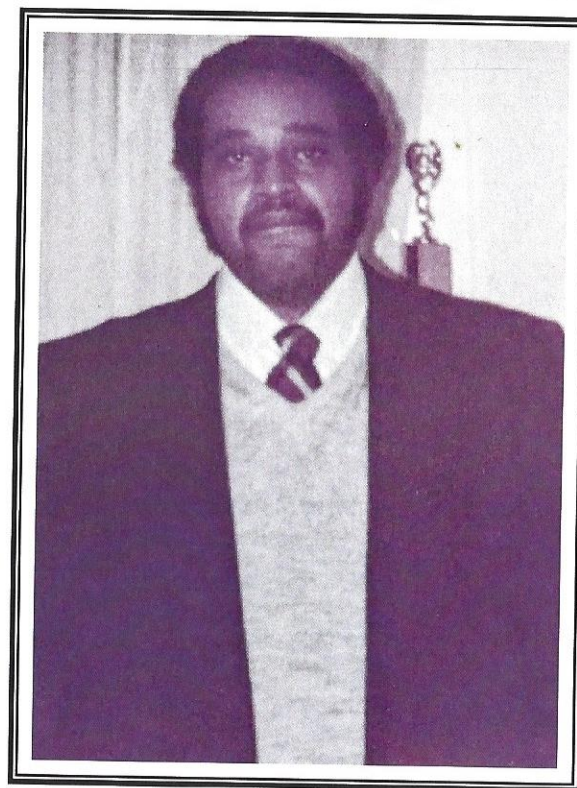
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## *Celebration of Life Charles E. Rice*



*Sunrise January 19, 1948 - Sunset May 27, 2021*

*Funeral Service 11:00 A.M.  
Friday, June 4, 2021*

*Thomas Funeral Home  
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, Ohio 45416*

*Minister Kristy Johnson, Officiant  
Elder Robert Rice, Eulogist*



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Charles Edward Rice, AKA "Butch", age 73 was born on January 19, 1948 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Robert and Lucille Rice. He was educated by the Dayton Public School system and graduated from Nettie Lee Roth High School, class of 1966. He worked at Delphi/Division of General Motors. He retired after 33 years of dedicated service. Charles was baptized at St. John Baptist Church at an early age. Charles was a wonderful and loving husband for more than 54 years. He adored his daughter, son, grandchildren and family. He was a quiet man with a humble presence, and an avid reader. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren and family.

On Thursday, May 27, 2021, Charles E. Rice transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord. Charles leaves to cherish fond memories and celebrate his life; his wife Janas Rice; daughter Jacqueline R. Phillips (Albert); son Charles E. Rice, II (Missie); granddaughters Trinity Rice and Alayna Phillips; grandsons Charles E. Rice, III and Albert (A.J.) Phillips, IV; brothers Robert Rice and Kenneth Rice (Cheryl); sister Linda Rice; brother in-law Larry Walker; special friend the late James Merkison, Sr.; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving family members and friends.

*I'm Free - Author Unknown*

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I've found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow: I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full I've savored much, good times, good friends, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all to brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, he set me free.

Processional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends
Musical Prelude.....	Soft Music
Parting View.....	The Family
Scripture Reading.....	Clergy
Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6	
New Testament - John 14:1-3	
Prayer of Comfort.....	Clergy
Musical Selection.....	Psalmist
Obituary Reading/Poem.....	(Please read silently)
Acknowledgements.....	
Reflections.....	(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....	Psalmist
Eulogy.....	Elder Robert Rice
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family and Friends
Interment.....	West Memory Gardens

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*Psalm 23- A Psalm of David (kjp)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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