

*When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not there to see,  
if the sun should rise and find your eyes  
all filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today,  
while thinking of many things  
we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
please try and understand,  
that an angel came and called my name  
and took me by the hand.*

*I had so much to live for,  
so much yet to do,  
it seemed almost impossible,  
that I was leaving you.*

*I thought of all the yesterdays,  
the good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared,  
and all the fun we had.*

*So, when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there, in your heart.*

*~Author Unknown~*



# IN MEMORY OF Randy Robert RICE "Hank"

Sunrise: June 17, 1956 - Sunset: June 11, 2025



## Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank everyone for your love and support during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to extended family and friends, the staff of the ICU unit at My Michigan Health and Aleda Lutz VA Hospital, Ivan E. Phillips and the staff at Paradise Funeral Chapel.

10:00 AM - Friday, June 20, 2025

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, Michigan 48442

Chaplain DWayne Beamon, Officiating



## Paradise Funeral Chapel

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# OBITUARY

Paradise Funeral Chapel  
3100 South Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

8:00 AM Friday, June 20, 2025

## Order of Service

Scripture

Prayer

Words of Comfort

Military Honors – Great Lakes National Cemetery

A true soldier, husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Randy Robert Rice, Sr., 68, was born on June 17, 1956, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Patricia Jean Canfield and Harrold Kenneth Rice. Randy passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Michigan.

Randy grew up in Burt, Michigan, where he attended Burt and Birch Run area schools. He joined the U.S. Army, serving from 1974 -1981. Randy loved his time in the Army. He could talk about working on tanks for hours. He was a skilled mechanic and carpenter. There wasn't an engine he couldn't fix or a building project he couldn't build. Randy loved playing pool, hunting, fishing, sitting by the fire pit, and gardening. He especially loved cuddling with his puppies, Sox and Rocky.

As everyone knew, Randy was quite the character. One of his favorite sayings in a restaurant was "I'll have a rubber band sandwich, and make it snappy!"

Randy loved his family with all his heart and leaves to cherish loving memories his wife, Ramona Brookins-Rice; sons, Steven Snider, Larry (Tamara) Rice, Nicholas Rice, Randy Jr. (Veronica) Rice; daughters, Nicole (Joe) Kneuss, and Laura Thomas; brother, Kenneth (June) Rice; sisters, Virginia (Willard) Johnson, Tami (Phil) Compton, and Penny Rice; stepbrother, Bob Wheeler; close friend, Goldstein Caffey; Randy also leaves 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Randy was preceded in death by his mother, Patrica Jean Canfield; father, Harrold Kenneth Rice, and his sister, Melody Jean Rice.

