



## John Carver Rice

January 21, 1939 - January 16, 2017

John Carver Rice, aged 77, of Manassas, VA passed away on Monday, January 16, at Novant Health Prince William hospital from complications of liver disease.

John was born on January 21, 1939 in Glens Falls, NY, way up on the Hudson River. His family moved to Buffalo, NY during WWII so his father could work in a war factory. After the war the family moved to Rochester, NY, where his mother was a registered nurse and his father worked for Archer Motors. John attended PS 23 and Monroe High School. Because his father later worked for Rochester Institute of Technology, John received free tuition there.

After RIT, John planned to join the Air Force. He was rejected due to poor eyesight. He was brokenhearted. He learned that Clarkson University needed teaching assistants, and landed a fellowship there. After earning a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, he went to work in the aerospace defense industry in Baltimore. There he met his wife Shirley.

He was a true Renaissance Man. During these years, he taught himself to play the mandolin, to paint, astronomy and astrology. And a heavy dose of philosophy and mysticism. He loved to look for comets. His major achievement was the PRIME project, where he made many trips to the South Pacific. The project got a letter of commendation from the Air Force, and

everyone was laid off.

John returned to school, earning a Master's degree from Penn State University as a transportation engineer.

Later John worked for Prince George's County, MD, Montgomery County, MD, and South Carolina. He finished his career as a traffic engineer with DMJM-Harris in Fairfax.

John loved to teach classes for Lifelong Learning Institute-Manassas. He taught Astronomy, the Hyper-dimensional Hypothesis, Conspiracy Theories, Sub-atomic Particles and the Meaning of Life, and finally The Fermi Paradox. All of the classes were totally original productions by John.

John is survived by his loving and caring wife Shirley, cousins scattered throughout the US, and his rescued cat family.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, January 24, at 11 AM at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA 20110 with private interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church building maintenance fund, or a local animal rescue and treatment foundation, "Rally for the Roses" Battlefield Animal Clinic, 8138 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20109.

# Tribute Wall

HO

“ *"Deepest Sympathy to your family God's Word says, "He will swallow up death forever, and wipe away the tears from all faces " Isa. 25:8.....*

Holland... - February 21, 2017 at 08:27 AM

JH

“ *Shirley,  
We're so sorry to hear about John's passing. We both have taken LLI classes that John taught. He was a quite, giving man and did love to talk about astrology with any one that was interested. He will be missed.  
May our Lord bless you and keep you in His care.  
---Frank & Joyce*

Joyce Hale - January 23, 2017 at 09:54 AM

MS

“ *Dear Shirley, please know we are all thinking and pray for you and your family during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Mara*

Mara Schuettler - January 18, 2017 at 01:25 PM

JB

*Shirley, John was a good friend and neighbor. I will always carry the memory of his red suspenders  
Much love, Jean Busby*

Jean Busby - January 18, 2017 at 08:07 PM

SH

*Shirley, we always considered ourselves lucky to have been your neighbor for a few years. I always think about our battle with the county and the run off pond. They never knew what hit them when John and I tackled it. He will be missed and please know that Howard and I will have you in our thoughts.*

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**Steve and Howard** - January 19, 2017 at 05:38 AM

BS

*Shirley, we are so sorry for your loss. You and John have been excellent neighbors. If we can be of help to you, please let us know.*  
*Barb & Bill Smith*

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**Barb Smith** - January 19, 2017 at 01:39 PM

MO

*Shirley, Lisa and I are sorry to hear of John's passing. We enjoyed our visits with you and John , and I will always remember the good times John and I had together over the years.*

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**Matthew and Lisa Ogorzalek** - January 20, 2017 at 08:12 PM

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*Shirley,*

*So sorry to hear about John. Wish I could be there with you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have very good memories of John and the time I spent with you.*

*Carole Rutledge*

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**Carole Rutledge** - January 23, 2017 at 01:57 PM