



Eldous Marison Rice

January 15, 1932 - November 10, 2023

Eldous Marison Rice, 91, was born on January 15, 1932, and passed away on November 10, 2023, in Odessa, Texas. He was born in Commanche County, Texas to Freddie Merle Tidmore Nichols. In 1940, she married Jack Nichols.

From the time he could walk, he was working, from hatcheries, to herding cattle, picking cotton, and even working in a steam laundry. At eighteen, he started ruff necking and continued that for many years following the rigs all over West Texas. He finally settled down in Odessa in 1967 and went to work for Ref Chem. He continued with the company thru all their name changes. (Rexene then Huntsman). He retired in 1994 to Lake Spence and had 25 years of great times at the lake.

Marison triumphed over adversity during his early years and emerged as an inspiring figure in the lives of those he loved and those who loved him. Many considered him not only a friend but also a kind-hearted soul. He wholeheartedly embraced life and actively engaged in activities such as skiing, dancing, and roller skating-displaying great skill in each endeavor. His heart overflowed with generosity as he sent his children off to college and helped others during their times of hardship. Devoted to his wife for 66 years, Marison held his family close to his heart.

Marison was preceded in death by his mother, Freddie Merle Tidmore Nichols

in 1985 and his stepfather Jack Nichols in 1983. His two daughters, Pamela and Fonda passed away a few weeks apart from each other in 1994.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Leone Rice, his three sons, Kenneth Thorman and wife Burna, Monte Thorman and wife Kathy, Marison Rice Jr. and his wife Sybrina, and his daughter Marla Bryant. Four grandsons, Dusty, Kurt, Nathan and Garrett and four Great Grandchildren. He leaves behind a legacy that will be fondly remembered by many and deeply mourned by all fortunate enough to have known him.

A visitation is scheduled Friday, November 17, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM at American Heritage Funeral Home.

The graveside service will be held Friday, November 17, 2023, at 1:00 PM at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made in his name to the Humane Society of Odessa.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home
4100 N FM 1788
Midland, TX 79707
(432) 563-9767
info@thehealingstartshere.com
<https://thehealingstartshere.com>

Graveside Service

NOV 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Gardens
6801 W I-20BL
Odessa, TX 79762

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eldous Marison Rice.*



November 16, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eldous Marison Rice.*



November 15, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Chenenna S. purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Eldous Marison Rice.*



Chenenna S. - November 14, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ I only met Eldous Marison Rice once, but have known his son Marison Rice Jr for many years, and together with his beloved wife Leone, I must say they raised a very good man. I suspect they both have the gift of gab and are very fine storytellers, captivating everyone's attention in the room with that smooth southern drawl. He will be missed and our prayers go out to his family. - Chenenna Scott & Kevin Wurtenberg

Chenenna Scott - November 14, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eldous Marison Rice.



November 13, 2023 at 07:18 PM