



Dennis Charles Rice

February 6, 1944 - March 3, 2014

Dennis Rice, age 70, passed away Monday, March 3, 2014. Dennis was born in San Francisco on February 6, 1944 and attended Sacred Heart High School where he played varsity football for three years and was selected first team All-City; Back of the year; All Catholic; All Metropolitan and later inducted in to the Sacred Heart Athletics Hall of Fame.

Dennis, a long time resident of Desert Hot Springs, spent the last 40 years in the Coachella Valley and had an eclectic career including serving his country in the Marine Corps, serving the public as a California Highway Patrol Officer in Indio, co-owner of the original Hair of the Dog Saloon in Palm Springs and taxi driver.

Dennis was preceded in death by his mother Edna Zahn and his sister Kathy Cisneros. He's survived by his beloved wife Helen, his children Lisa (Michael) Brown, Granger, IN; Debbie Rice (Steve Soldano), San Francisco, CA; Eric Rice (Jennifer Dean) New York, NY; stepdaughter Angie (Andy) Brister, Ventura, CA; grandson Elliott Brown, Granger, IN; sisters Margo Tufo (Shelli Vincent), Portland, OR; Nancy Sharp, San Bruno, CA and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dennis had a great sense of humor and loved Harley Davidsons, Johnny Cash, watching Law & Order, telling colorful stories about his life and

spending time with family.

Memorial donations may be made in his name at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, 1055 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 or online at www.shcp.edu/memorial in memory of Dennis Rice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rose Mortuary, Desert Hot Springs.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Charles Rice*

October 05, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *Dennis and I worked for Landstrom foods Warehouse in South San Francisco in the sixties Dennis was a driver for the Company I was a Warehousemen .He was truly the best !!*

Tom Morey - September 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dennis, ID 5253, RIP old buddy. See you later down the road.Bob LytalBob Lytal*

A friend - April 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Enjoyed working with you. Always a true professional and good friend to those who knew you. Rest in Peace.*

James Ammons - April 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I was childhood friends with Dennis during his late grammar school years at Saint Monica's and part of Sacred Heart High School. We learned to fish at Muni Pier, Fort Point, Lake Merced and sometimes Spreckles Lake (carp). I joined his family on annual camping trips in Central and Northern California. Before football, he was an excellent basketball player especially in 3-man games where he could not be stopped taking a jump shot near the basket. He played on our Richmond Packrat basketball team which won a City Recreation League Championship. We spent many hours in his home, sometimes playing poker with Grandpa Roe or being disciplined by Grandma Rice. Dennis and I travelled different paths after high school. I was unable to persuade him to play football at Notre Dame (at the urging of Grandma Rice). I will always remember my best friend. I will keep Dennis and his family in my prayers.

Raymond Mapa - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Deb and Steve - and the entire Rice family - I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of mourning.

Troy Valdez - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dennis and I were very close friends way back at St Monica's and briefly at Sacred Heart...Dennis may have been the best athlete I ever played with...I moved away and lost contact...God Blessya and RIP...BTW Dennis and I played on a CYO Soccer team that won the City Championship...Dennis was a fullback and I was goalie...we walked to and from practice at Polo Grounds many many times...Dennis was a superiour athlete...Jerry Leahy, Stamford, Connecticut

A friend - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ May the blessing of light be on you—light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on you and warm your heart till it glows like a great peat fire. From Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep.

A friend - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dennis and Tom Blair had some great times together. My prayers are for you Helen. Rest in peace and my love to you Helen and Lena Blair

A friend - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dennis could always be counted on to cover my back. He, as a CHP Officer, was one I could count on being there if I needed help as an RSO Deputy. We also shared many hours outside the lawman job. God Bless.

Jim Lamb - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Uncle Dennis you will never be forgotten. Some of my best memories of my childhood include you, a green dune buggy, the Indio office CHP family and Mexico with my dad. You will be missed by many as you are loved by all.

Elizabeth Boden - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM