



## Mr. Tommie J Rice

April 5, 1954 - April 18, 2021

On April 5, 1954, Tommie was born to Eddie and Rosa B. Perry-Rice in Oktibbeha County of Starkville, MS. His earthly life ended on April 18, 2021. He was preceded in death by both parents, his eldest brother, Eddie Rice, Jr., a brother-in-law, David English, and a sister-in-law, Jeannette Nichols-Rice. At an early age, Tommie confessed his belief in Jesus Christ, was baptized, and united with Springhill MB Church. Later in his adult life, he joined Second Baptist Church. Growing up in Starkville, he attended Starkville Public Schools. He played varsity football and graduated from Starkville High School in 1972. After finishing high school, he was employed with the Herschede Clock Manufactory in Starkville and with Bryan Foods in West Point, MS. Tommie was friendly to those he came in contact with. He enjoyed being around people and considered himself as a "People's Person." When the opportunity presented itself, he loved to grill for others, which he thought he was a "Master Griller." LOL...

He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted daughter, Kizzy Outlaw; four sisters: Helen (Willie) Nichols, Julia Gillespie, Hazel English all of Starkville, MS, and Rosa Rice of Long Beach, CA; three brothers: James Rice of Chicago, IL, Elbert (Diann) Rice and Bruce Rice of Starkville, MS; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; close cousins of the Perry/Sharp family; and two exceptional friends: Alderman Henry (Jacquelyn) Vaughn and Jessie (Barbara) Neal; and the Morris and the Yarbrough families.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Starkville  
112 Earnest H Jones Jr Dr  
Starkville, MS 39759  
(662) 323-5854

# Tribute Wall

LO

“ *Lenetra Outlaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie J Rice*



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**Lenetra Outlaw** - April 28, 2021 at 12:54 PM

AN

“ *Annie Norman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie J Rice*



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**Annie Norman** - April 27, 2021 at 08:38 AM

GR

“ *Glenda Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie J Rice*



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**Glenda roberts** - April 23, 2021 at 03:59 PM

JP

“ *Jenette Ashford Peters lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie J Rice*



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**Jenette Ashford Peters** - April 23, 2021 at 01:58 PM

JI

“ Jimmie Isaac lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Tommie J Rice



Jimmie isaac - April 22, 2021 at 07:45 PM



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Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - April 22, 2021 at 04:28 PM

BH

🙏 Praying that God will comfort the family during this difficult time 🙏

Bobby C Hudson - April 23, 2021 at 01:46 PM

LE

“ Will always remember my childhood friend.  
R.I.P.



Lori Evans - April 21, 2021 at 10:37 PM

AR

“ *Allen & Cynthia Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie J Rice*



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**Allen & Cynthia Robinson** - April 21, 2021 at 03:34 PM

TW

“ *Towanda Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommie J Rice*



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**Towanda Wilkins** - April 21, 2021 at 11:29 AM