



## Richard Rine

March 5, 1931 - August 21, 2021

Richard W. Rine, 90, devoted husband and wonderful father, passed away at home Saturday morning, August 21, 2021 in Fruitland Park, FL after a brief illness.

A service conducted by Moose Lodge #1271 will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 27 at Beyer's Funeral Home in Lady Lake. The family will receive visitors after the service until 5:30 p.m. Graveside service with military honors and internment will be at Highland Memory Gardens in Pecks Mill, WV on Saturday, September 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Richard was born March 5, 1931 in Grantsville, WV to Albert James and Ida Grace (Valentine) Rine. He was preceded in death by his wife and best friend of over 61 years, Dolores Jane Justice of Boone County, WV. He is survived by his son, Michael (Fruitland Park) and daughter, Donnagail Carr (St. Louis, MO); grandchildren, Carolyn Rine Adelman and husband, Ian (Rosenberg, TX), Elizabeth Carr (Washington, DC), and Alicia Carr (St. Louis); sister, Minnie Fox (New Cumberland, WV); and several nieces, nephews, and friends. Born eighth of ten children, he was preceded in death by brothers Donald, Doyle, and Phillip, and sisters Leona DeWitt, Louise Carey, Mary Ireland, Wilma Nestor, and Patricia Robinson.

Richard attended Grantsville High School and worked for the Hope Natural

Gas Company, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1950. While still in Grantsville, Richard was introduced to Dolores, who was studying at nearby Glenville State College, and they began a lengthy letter-writing courtship. Following his final tour on the USS Midway, she accepted his proposal, and after a whirlwind seven-day engagement they married in Charleston, WV on July 7, 1953.

The couple lived in Fredericksburg, VA while Richard completed his five years of naval service, then they moved to Charleston in 1956 as he began his 30-year career with American Airlines, where Michael and Donnagail were born.

Richard was transferred to Detroit in 1963, and as the children grew, he actively supported them in their school activities, particularly the Boy Scouts: he was the camp cook and fish fry chef for Troop 1736 in Wayne and volunteered with the Detroit Area Council of the BSA. He also served as a mentor with Junior Achievement.

Richard and Dolores retired to Florida in 1988, where he was active in Leesburg-The Villages Moose Lodge #1271. He was named "Moose of the Month" three times in his years of service and "Moose of the Year" in 2005 and was awarded the Blue Fellowship Jacket. Richard also assisted with the production and distribution of the monthly Moose newsletter and, in 2005, was awarded the Moose International Shining Star Award in Journalism for the Best Newsletter. Additionally, Richard was a member of the Eustis Elks Lodge and American Legion Post 219 in Fruitland Park.

Together, Richard and Dolores joined Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park in 2007. Avid travelers, they visited all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada, and Europe and they enjoyed cruises to Alaska, the Pacific coast, the Caribbean, Colombia, and Aruba, as well as a voyage through the Panama Canal.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Moose Charities, 15500 International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539, or a charity of your choice in Richard's name.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mike, Donnagail, and the rest of the family,*

*My husband and I want to offer our condolences in the passing of your father. Thank you for sharing your adventures the past few years. I've really enjoyed them! Sending you hugs from Nevada.*

*Take care,*

*Carol*

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**Carol (Shann) Ruff** - August 29, 2021 at 07:54 PM

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“ *We appreciated Richard and Dolores as friends at Community United Methodist Church.*

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**Shirley Genschorck** - August 26, 2021 at 10:31 AM

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“ Mr. Rine was responsible for teaching us young Boy Scouts how to use an axe. If I am remembering this correctly, he was involved in an accident as a youth that resulted in a friend losing two fingers. He described how odd it was when the friend waved to him as the missing fingers served as a reminder about how dangerous the axes we were using could be.

*I am happy to report that thanks to his tutelage, none of us were injured with the axes, bow-and-arrow, .22 rifles, various fire methods, long distance swimming and other dangers of growing up. And not all of the boy scouts were exactly world beaters in the intellect department either - a testimony to Mr. Rine's ability to reach people where they are at.*

*This man could talk to you about just about any subject. The last time was at Chelsea Alehouse when Mike and Mr. Rine were on a motor trip.*

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**Richard Helppie** - August 25, 2021 at 11:30 AM

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“ Mike, Donnagail and all friends and relatives. A great man with a fulfilled life. The obituary was very touching.

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**Richard Helppie** - August 25, 2021 at 11:23 AM