

*Gone
But Never Forgotten...*

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

*We Will
Always Love You...*

David Paul Rice, 55, passed away on May 2, 2026, at his home in Billings, Montana, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and deep connection with those fortunate enough to know him.

David was born on July 12, 1970, in Mesa, Arizona, to Richard and Annette Rice. He entered the world as a pleasant surprise and quickly became a bright and joyful presence in the lives of his family.

He spent his school years in the Sheridan School District and went on to earn his undergraduate degree in Health and Wellness Education from Montana State University Billings, later completing his Master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Wyoming. David dedicated his career to education as a physical education teacher and coach, making a lasting impact on countless students. He coached in Billings at Skyview and in Sheridan, sharing not only his knowledge but his enthusiasm for life and competition.

A passionate athlete, David loved wrestling and football, competing in high school and carrying that competitive spirit throughout his life. He also found great joy on the golf course and in any opportunity for friendly competition.

David was known for his gregarious nature and his generous, compassionate heart. He had a gift for bringing people together and made it his mission to ensure that those around him were having a good time.

Above all, David was a devoted father to his son, Isaiah, of Phoenix, Arizona. Becoming a father was a long-held dream, and he was immensely proud of his son. His love for his family was the foundation of his life, closely followed by the deep friendships he cherished. He was also a devoted son, sharing a special bond with his mother.

David was preceded in death by his nephew, Michael "Craig" Rice.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Annette Rice; his brother, Michael (Theresa) Rice of Sheridan, Wyoming; his sister, Crystal (Steven) Rice Thompson of Silesia, Montana; his son, Isaiah Rice of Phoenix, Arizona; and his extended family, Nathan (Michaela) Sanders of Casper, Wyoming; Alex Rice of Denver, Colorado; Adam (Sarah) Morse of Casper, Wyoming; and Emma (Rob) Rice Johnson of Sheridan, Wyoming.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his warmth, his laughter, and the way he loved so fully.

In Loving Memory Of David Paul Rice

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, May 8, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.
First Baptist Church

OFFICIATING

Pastor Kevin Rizer

MUSIC

Go Rest High On That Mountain
Amazing Grace, Lead Me Home

PALLBEARERS

Nephews ~ Alex Rice, Nathan Sanders, Adam Morse, Rob Johnson

Friends ~ Tom Kilpatrick & McClure

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Friends ~ Tyler Johnson, Todd Harmon, Steven West
Steve Rucki, Scott Powers, Paul Felker, Nate Wilson

Matt Ebzery, Ken Morse, Joel Davidson, Jill Will
Jeff Rafferty, Greg Carroll, Dewey Jacobs, Brian Marso & Barry King

A reception will follow the service at
Champion Kane Funeral Home.

Interment will take place in the Juniper Heights section
of the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery.



In Loving Memory Of David



July 12, 1970 - May 2, 2026