



## Burel Rice

April 12, 1922 - January 9, 2009

Burel Rice Jr. passed away on January 9, 2009 in Topeka, Kansas. He was born to Frieda & Burel Rice Sr., April 12, 1922, in Rexford, Ks.

Burel served in the US Army during WWII with the 17th Air Borne Eng. Div. Co. C, 139th,Bn, with action in France and the Rhineland Jump, Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. Burel became a member of the Kansas National Guard in 1949 and retired with the rank of Major in 1982.

Burel began his career Nov.1945 with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Dodge City, and retired in Topeka, Ks in 1980, after more than 34 years of service. Burel was a member of the Christian Church in Dodge City and First Christian Church in Topeka. He was a Mason. He also enjoyed wood-working and making many beautiful pieces of furniture for the family and treasured toys for the grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

He is survived by wife Sally (married on Aug.13,1996), one sister, Betty Schmidt of Scott City, Ks., brother-in-Law Forrest (Blanche) Button of LaCrosse, Ks., sons, Dennis Rice (wife Pat) of Overland Park Ks & Don Rice (wife Linda) of Peoria, Az., daughter, Margaret (husband-Dean) Mizes, of Junction City, Ks. son-in-law, Randell Warkentin of Dodge City, Ks, and step-daughters, Diana Mayer (Charles) of Topeka, Ks & Linda Reynolds (Doug) of

Topeka,Ks, 15-Grandchildren,14-Great Grandchildren.

Burel was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy (Button) Rice, (Married Dec 25,1943-Aug. 25,1994) daughter, Nancy Jo Warkentin, brother, Robert Rice, and sister, Odessa Kline. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to, Heartland Hospice Services, 2231 S.W. Wanamaker Road, Suite 202 Topeka, Kansas 66614, or charity of your choice in the name of Burel Rice, Jr.

Memorial Service is 6:30 p.m. today, January 11, 2009 at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 S.W. Urish Rd., Topeka, Kansas and a military burial service will be at 11:00am, Monday, January 12th, at LaCrosse Cemetery in LaCrosse, Ks.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burel Rice*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sally and family--We are so saddened by Burel's passing. Just this past Christmas as we put up our decorations, he was in our conversation as we placed the ornament on the tree he made. And the two reindeer that sit on our hearth every year always remind us of Burel. He was so special to all of us on 11th Terrace, and to the young kids--our daughter, Heather, has such fond memories of him. Please know that you are in our thoughts and in our prayers. Gary and Gayle Smith*

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**Gary and Gayle Smith** - January 11, 2009 at 08:50 PM



“ *My childhood wouldn't be complete without memories of Burel. Every summer all of us kids from 11th Terrace would see how many lightening bugs we could get into our Bug Boxes Burel made for us. I still have mine and think of Burel fondly when I see it. He will be missed by many. I feel blessed to have had him in my life.*

*Love and Prayers,  
Joey and Heather Schulmeister*

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**Joey and Heather (Smith) Schulmeister** - January 11, 2009 at 08:44 PM

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“ *Dear Sally and family, We send our deepest sympathy to you at this sad time. We will remember Burel for his steady personality, his good sense of humor, and kindness to neighbors. Our lives are richer for having known him. God bless all of you. Sincerely, Laura and Neil Carr*

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**Neil and Laura Carr** - January 11, 2009 at 04:28 PM