



## Curtis Rice

December 14, 1961 - December 2, 2010

Services for Curtis Neal Rice, 48, of Whitehouse, will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mike Littlefield officiating. Burial will follow at Post Oak Cemetery in Malakoff under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Rice passed away December 2, 2010 at his residence. Curtis was born into a military family on December 14, 1961 in Bitzberg, Germany to Charles and Doshie Mae Weatherby Rice. Curtis grew up and attended Jasper schools. He later started working for the Texas Department of Transportation and moved to Houston. Curtis then moved to Whitehouse in 2000. He was a family man who loved his children and inspired them in all of their endeavors. He enjoyed spending his time with them helping them to build their lifelong skills. Over the past eight years, Curtis worked in the oil fields as a machinist and was known as a man with an exemplary work ethic. He was always putting others' needs and wants before his and he treated his wife with great admiration and loved beyond none. Curtis loved fishing, cooking for his family and making special meals for his wife. Special in his heart was his grandson Fisher, who because of his special needs was showered with love and affection. His love for his country and the military inspired his son Nathan, to join the military. Curtis will be greatly missed and remembered with honor and love. Curtis was preceded in death by his father, and brother David Rice. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 11 years, Teresa Rice of Whitehouse; children, Marcus Rice of Tyler, Jamie Rice of Honey Island, 2nd Lt. Nathan Dumas and

wife Stacey of Whitehouse, stationed in Mannheim, Germany, and Crystal Anne Casey and husband Brian of Oxford, AL.; mother, Doshie Mae Rice of Tyler; mother-in-law, Margy Jeter of Ocklawha, FL.; siblings, Harold Sherrol of Lumberton, Larry Rice of Tulsa, OK., and Randy Rice of Tyler; and grandson, Fisher Michael Casey of Oxford, AL. Visitation is scheduled from 6:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703.

# Tribute Wall

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“Curtis was a great man and the best friend a person could ever hope for. I can recall many an afternoon either under the hood of a truck or in his boat with a beer in one hand and a fishing pole in the other. He was always there for a good laugh, a good cry, or to offer a helping hand. He loved unconditionally and was sure to let you know it. I will truly and deeply miss my buddy, but I will never forget him. I know he is fishing with God now, the best guide a man could have, and plenty of time to find us a new honey hole to cast into when I see him again!

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**Chris Jennings** - December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“Curtis was the most wonderful brother in law. He loved his family so much. I cant imagine not being able to pick up the phone and hear his voice. His death has left a giant whole in my heart. I will see you again one day my wonderful brother and birthing partner.(lol) I know you would be pleased. Your were one of the great ones. I will never forget your famous saying. "There are 2 kinds of people in this world. Rice's and people who want to be Rice's. Good-bye for now. I pray that Teresa,Nathan,Crystal,Stacey,Jamie,and Marcus will get through this aweful time.I also pray that Mae is able to feel the comfort of the Lord and always know that Randy and I are here for here.

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**TANYA RICE** - December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Teresa,

*My heart goes out to you during this time of loss. I pray that God will wrap His loving arms around you and give you peace and comfort.*

*He is a BIG God and can handle our big pain and heartache.*

*Love,*

*Bethany Starks*

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**Bethany Starks** - December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM