



## Lt. Col Chester Rice (U.S. Army Ret.)

February 2, 1920 - April 19, 2014

Lt. Col. Chester C. Rice (U.S. Army, retired) age 94, of Union City, passed away in the arms of his family on Saturday, April 19th. Mr. Rice was born on February 2, 1920 in Meigs County, Ohio. As a member of the Greatest Generation, Chet Rice served his country in the US Army in WWII, the Cold War and Vietnam, retiring as a Lt. Colonel after 25 years of active military service in 1970. He retired from the Georgia Department of Labor in 1980. Mr. Rice was an avid gardener who enjoyed long days spent in his large garden. Chet was an active member of Fairburn First Christian Church, where he enjoyed singing in the choir. Mr. Rice is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years Sylvia Rice, his daughter Susan Chambers and husband George Chambers of Fayetteville, daughter Ginger Merrill and husband Robert Merrill of New London, NH, grandchildren Clinton Chambers of Weaverville, NC, Emily and Eric Pullen of Chattanooga, TN and Elizabeth Merrill. The lights of his life were his four great grandchildren, Samantha and Ty Chambers, Carter and Sam Pullen. A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 11 o'clock at First Christian Church at Fairburn with Minister Keith Davenport, Rev. Bob Merrill and Minister Bob Tyler officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). The family is accepting flowers or donations to First Christian Church at Fairburn, 154 Fayetteville Road, Fairburn, GA 30213. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home & Crematory, 770-964-4800.

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“ *Sylvia- we are very saddened to hear of Chet's passing. He was a very special person and I know that you will miss him very much. We love you- Carolyn & Joe*

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**Carolyn & Joe Strack** - April 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Chet was never too busy to make you smile, crack a joke or lend a hand in his always jovial way. He was a best friend to my folks, Mae and Stubby. He and Sib fill my earliest happy memories. I will hold you in my heart always Chet Boy! Love to all of the family during this sad time, Fondly with memories of Purina dog chow, Donna & Doyle*

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**Donna and Doyle Valdez** - April 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have such fond memories of Uncle Chester and Aunt Sylvia when we would come and visit Grandma and Papa Kerns in Atlanta.*

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**Kim Edwards** - April 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *He was always a kind gentle person, who always had a story to tell. Always had a warm soul.*

*Thoughts and prayers!*

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**Tom and Caroline Johnson** - April 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sister Sylvia, Susan & Ginger - I was so sorry to hear about Chet. He was one of the nicest men I have ever known! So many memories of him while I was growing up. Heaven rejoices with his return home! Am praying for you all!!*

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**Pattie Morton** - April 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM