



## Harold "Hal" Omer Rice

September 21, 1923 - September 13, 2022

Harold "Hal" Omer Rice, 98, of Richland Center, WI, formerly of Denver Colorado, passed away peacefully Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at Harvest Guest Home in Richland Center. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri September 21, 1923, the son of Raymond and Estella Rice. He married Dorothy Lou Baker in 1943 on a 72 hour leave after enlisting in the Navy. He served during World War II for 17 months on an island in the South Pacific. After his service in the war, he returned to attend and graduate from the prestigious Kansas City Art Institute in Missouri on the Gi bill. Hal and Dorothy then moved to Colorado and raised a family of four children. Hal had successful careers as commercial Illustrator, interior designer, and fine art painter. He was an example of how to live a long creative life with incredible optimism, good humor, and love. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his 2 daughters, Renee Gabrielse of Cazenovia, WI, Rebecca (Steve) Hilley of Craig, Colorado; 6 grandchildren, Lauren and Autumn Hilley, Brandon Gabrielse, Nathan, Ben, and Alexandra Rice; 5 great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Derry Rice; a daughter, Debbie Rice; a brother, Earl Rice; and a sister, Fern Sadtler.

A celebration of Harold's life will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022, at

3:00 PM at Harvest Guest Home in Richland Center, Wisconsin. The local military honors unit will provide military honors at Harvest Guest Home at 3:30 PM. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the family for a scholarship fund with the Kansas City Art Institute in his name.

Please visit [Donate.kcai.edu](https://Donate.kcai.edu) click on "Give" in the right hand corner then choose "In Memory/Honor".

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **16.** 3:00 PM (CT)

Harvest Guest Home  
875 Westside Drive  
Richland Center, WI 53581

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family and friends of Harold "Hal" Omer Rice, another Comrade was called to the high command. He has gone to the commander of us all. On September 15, 2022 in Honor of his memory, we acknowledged his service to our country in a time of national need, who is now enrolled in that great spirit army whose footfalls cause no sound. But in the memory of man, their souls go marching on. Because of them, our lives are free, because of them the world is blessed. Our deepest condolences from Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW Post 2267, Richland Center, WI.



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