



## Kenneth Frank Rice

January 31, 1949 - October 19, 2025

Kenneth Frank Rice, 76, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at his home on October 19, 2025. He was born on January 31, 1949 in Miles City, Montana.

Kenny was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret Rice, and his parents, Kinley and Grace Rice. He is survived by his sisters Judy (Dave) Park-Vossen of Wisconsin and Roxanne Brodie of Oregon; sisters-in-law Judy (Clairdon) Koehly of North Dakota and Susan (Jerry) Floren of Minnesota; niece and nephew Alexandra and Reed Floren of Minnesota; and many dear friends who loved him like family.

Kenny spent his youth and childhood in Minnetonka Mills, Minnesota. From an early age, Kenny was fascinated by cars. He could identify makes and models with ease and loved building and designing model cars—a passion that stayed with him throughout his life. In the late 1960s, Kenny met the love of his life, Margaret Anne Wilds. The two married in February 1971 and shared a wonderful life together until her passing in January of 2009.

He was also a talented artist and musician, forming his first of many rock and roll bands, "Rue Delight," in 1973. In 1988, Kenny helped form "The Hi Tops," a popular and well-loved band in the greater Twin Cities area and beyond, performing successfully until 2002.

Alongside his music, Kenny was an accomplished jewelry designer and craftsman, creating and repairing beautiful pieces for multiple Twin Cities stores and on his own. He was also an avid Star Wars memorabilia collector,

proud to share his collection with others.

Kenny cherished his friendships and found joy in simple routines, especially daily breakfast gatherings with friends at The Original Pancake House. He loved live music and jam sessions with local bands, including Lake Street Extension and, most recently, Firefly.

Kenny was deeply loved by many. His wonderful smile, kind heart, and warm, welcoming personality will be remembered by all who knew him.

Memorial donations in Kenny's name may be made to one of the following organizations that reflect his lifelong love of animals and compassion for others: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Norfolk, VA; Humane Society of Golden Valley, Golden Valley, MN; The Humane Society of the United States, Washington, D.C.; or The American National Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

Services as follows: 11-11:45am Prayer Service  
12-2pm Lunch Buffet

2-3:30p Band Playing and memory sharing all at Elks Lodge, 30 8th Ave S, Hopkins, MN

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# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221  
30 - 8th Avenue South  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Reception

DEC 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221  
30 - 8th Avenue South  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Visitation

DEC 9. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Hopkins Elks Lodge #2221  
30 - 8th Avenue South  
Hopkins, MN 55343

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met Kenneth in person, making a trip from Seattle back to Minneapolis in about 1986, I'm sorry that he has left this life. Gayle Clarity

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**Gayle R. Clarity** - November 15, 2025 at 04:10 PM

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“ Although we didn't "know" Frank, my husband and I would see him every time we went to the Original Pancake House in Plymouth where he was a fixture at the counter top, where he had his spot. He always share a hello and a warm smile and I would give him a squeeze on the shoulder. When we didn't see him when we went today and the counter was empty we asked about him and the staff told us he passed. We were so saddened it seemed as if the light had gone out at his regular spot. He will be missed and remembered by us as a fixture at OPH. Rest in peace Frank! Shannon and Rene

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**Shannon Thein** - November 14, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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Such a bright light and energetic soul. I'm shocked to read this...would never have thought of him dying. Surely he would live forever! Good news, tho, I'm sure ge and Margaret are happy to be together again. I know he missed her so much. Love and Light dear "Tim".  
Love, Lynn and Mike

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**Mike and Lynn Nelson** - November 20, 2025 at 02:00 AM

JK

*Kenny Frank Rice was an icon. He was first of all a very personable and kind individual, and he had a really good sense of humor. He also was an incredible singer, guitarist and drummer. To top it off, he was a remarkable showman in the performances of the bands in which he had memberships. He could definitely entertain an audience. In addition, he was a very creative individual. I am sorry he has passed away, and he is going to be missed.*

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**John Krumm** - November 23, 2025 at 09:48 PM