



## Ron C. Rice

July 24, 1945 - March 8, 2022

Ron passed away on March 8, 2022 at St. Charles Hospital in Bend, Oregon.

Ron was born on July 24, 1945 to Charles and Verna Rice in Portland, Oregon. The Rice family moved to Bend on Labor Day, 1956, where they owned and operated the Western Auto Store on Wall Street. The family of 4 father, Charlie; mother, Verna; sister, Sherry; and Ron worked together until the store sold in 1975.

Ron attended St. Francis grade school and graduated from Bend High School in 1963. Following graduation, Ron attended the University of Portland for two years. He completed his studies at Central Oregon Community College with an Associate's Degree in Business. Ron enlisted in the Oregon National Guard in 1966 and served for 6 years where he was a supply sergeant.

He opened Bend Sound Center in the Western Auto store. He eventually moved Bend Sound Center to a building on Minnesota Avenue. Ron met his future wife, Donita, at First Assembly of God Church in 1980 and they married in 1983. His life's work covered many areas which utilized his outgoing personality. He was an entrepreneur, a realtor, a real estate developer, and business owner. He and his wife, Donita, were in the Elder Care business for over 35 years. They retired in July, 2019.

Ron is survived by his wife, Donita, sons, Brian and Troy; Troy's wife Kara, grandson, Keagan; and his sister, Sherry.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Ron C. Rice - March 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM**