

Rev. Charles Daniel Rice

Charles Daniel Rice, son of Charles Butler Rice and Lena May Childress Rice, married Winnie Ruth Johnson, daughter of Roy Johnson and Estelle Peacock Johnson of Century, north Escambia County, Florida, on December 15, 1951. They met when Charles, then driving a taxi for Ruia Trawick, saw Winnie at D.C. Nolin's City Cafe in Flomaton, Escambia County, Alabama. Winnie was a Century High School student and was working at the cafe during summer vacation.

After a few months the young couple knew that each was meant for the other. With a promise to Winnie's dad that she would finish school, family permission and blessings were given to Charles and Winnie to marry. They boarded a Greyhound bus at Flomaton and went to Lucedale, Mississippi where they exchanged their vows. Within seven months Charles was drafted and served two years in the Army, stationed in the United States and in Japan. Upon his return home Charles was employed in the power plant at Pensacola Naval Air Station and remained there until his retirement in January 1986. During those years they lived in Pensacola and Century.

Five children were born during the 1950s and blessed their home. Roy Charles Rice, oldest child and only son, was named for his father and for both grandfathers. He and his family live at Century. Melody Odell Rice Bondurant and her family live at Flomaton, Alabama. Twin daughters, Winnie Faye and Donna Kay, were born next. Winnie Fay Rice Fillingim and her family live at Oak Grove, and Donna Kay Rice Yetter and her family live at Molino. The youngest child, Ruth Arlene Rice Gulsby, and her family live at Demopolis, Alabama.

For several years the Rice family attended church at First Baptist Church in Century and Charles served as a deacon. While the family lived in Pensacola they were members of Park Place Baptist Church and the Ferry Pass Baptist Mission. It was at Ray's Chapel Baptist Church at Bogia that Charles was called to the pastoral ministry. On July 25, 1965, he was ordained by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church at Bluff Springs.

For almost forty years he has given faithful leadership and ministry to many area churches. His Escambia County, Florida pastorates have included Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (where he has served two different times), South Flomaton Baptist Church at Century, and his present ministry at Pine Barren Baptist Church in Davisville where he was called September 22, 1992. In Santa Rosa County, Florida he served Brownsdale Baptist Church in Jay. In Escambia County, Alabama he has pastored First Baptist Church in Wallace, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Lottie Baptist Church, and Pineview Baptist Church.

On December 15, 2001, Charles and Winnie Rice were honored in Century by their family and a host of friends as they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Their children and grandchildren spoke of their gratitude for the heritage that was theirs because of Charles and Winnie.

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Note: On January 31, 2003, Rev. Charles Rice retired from Pine Barren Baptist Church.

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Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary
from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, December 15, 2001,
with a reception at the Century Community Center on Highway 4 West in Century.
The reception is given by their children,
Roy Rice, Melody Bondurant, Fay Fillingim, Kay Yetter and Arlene Gulsby.

**Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Century Community Center, Highway 4 West, Century, Florida**

December 15, 2001



**(From left to right) Arlene Gulsby, Kay Yetter, Fay Fillingim,
Charles and Winnie Rice, Melody Bondurant, and Roy Rice**