

Obituary:

**Frank Randolph Rice, Jr.**, passed away June 24, 2011, at the age of 79. "Randy", as known by his family and friends, was born in Clifton Forge, Virginia, on June 19, 1932.

Randy retired from a long career with CSX Corporation and its predecessor, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

After graduating high school from Huntington East High, in Huntington, WV, Randy, as many young men did during that time, joined the military. Randy was in the US Air Force from 1951-1953 and was Honorably discharged as a Senior Airman. Following his military service Randy began studies at Marshall University in Huntington and graduated with a BS in Business Administration.



Randy proudly became a third generation railroader when he joined the C&O in 1955. He worked various assignments in the Engineering Department before entering their management trainee program in 1959. Upon completion of the training program, Randy moved into the Transportation Department where he rapidly rose through increasingly more responsible positions until his retirement as a General Manager in 1986. Along with his family, his railroad career was his passion, and Randy continued to talk about his railroad friends and their many adventures right up until his death.

Shortly after his retirement Randy moved from Baltimore, MD, to Homosassa, FL, to escape those dreaded midwest winters and to pursue his golf, boating, and fishing hobbies.

Randy was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Constance Ramey, the mother of his three children. Randy and Connie were married on August 14, 1954. Their children are Frank Randolph Rice, III (wife Fanny), Timothy Edwin Rice (wife Karen), and Sue Ann Balsamo (husband Philip).

Randy is survived by his wife, Barbara Scherer, and her children Laurie Kelner, Lisa Ariss, Nick Scherer, and Michael Sherer. Randy and Babs have created a marvelous legacy of a combined 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren (and counting!).

Family will be receiving friends today, Sunday, June 26, from 2 p.m. until service time at 4 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Lecanto, FL. The services will be led by Randy's grandson Joshua. Private cremation will follow the services under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, FL.

Condolences to the family can be made at [www.brownfuneralhome.com](http://www.brownfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be made to Hospice of Citrus County or to an animal shelter of your choosing. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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