

## Randall H. Rice



Rice, Randall H. LATHAM Randall (Randy) Hinds Rice, 89, entered into eternal life Thursday, December 19, 2013. Born in Danville, Ill., and raised in State College, Pa., he was the son of the late Philip X. and Helene Hinds Rice, and stepson of Maretta Jordan Rice. Randall graduated from State College High School in 1942, and Penn State College in 1948, with a bachelor's in electrical engineering. He served as an Ensign (A1) in the US Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1946, and was proud to be a naval aviator during World War II, spending time in Japan and the Far East after World War II ended. Randall joined Westinghouse in 1948, spending five years as a young bachelor engineer in Cleveland, Ohio. He moved to Albany, N.Y. in 1954, as a lighting sales engineer with the Westinghouse Lighting Division, a position he held for 34 years, specializing in airport and street lamp lighting. In 1980, Westinghouse sent him to Santiago, Chile for 17 months, to work as a lighting consultant for H. Briones Y CIA S.A.C. I., which turned out to be a wonderful and enlightening experience. After retiring from Westinghouse, he served as an independent contractor for the Crouse Hinds Co., and Randall Rice Streetlighting System Sales. Randall was active in his professional community. For many years he was a member of the Illuminating Engineering Society, Mohawk Hudson Division, serving as chairman in 1962, and president in 1978. He wrote various articles on lighting, won several awards, and had one patent. Randall took up sailing as a hobby in the early 1960's. His first sailboat was a wooden Sunfish he and a friend built. He moved up to a Windmill and Mariner 19 that he sailed on Saratoga Lake, and a Greenwich 24 that he sailed on Lake George. Randall was very active for most of his adult life in the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club, serving as Commodore in 1966, and more recently as Club Historian. He was also a long-time member of the Windmill Class Association, serving as president in 1974-76. Randall was a longtime and devout member of the Schenectady Church of Christ. His faith and devotion supported him throughout his life. He instilled a similar belief in God and church in his children. Randall's other devotion was to family, home, and their dogs. He was the proud owner of "The Rice Paddy", an old farmhouse with a barn and land, in what was originally a rural part of Latham, N.Y., that he and his wife lovingly restored and expanded. It was the scene of many picnics and parties, including wonderful neighborhood Halloween parties and rides through the woods in the Paddy Wagon. Randall was the beloved husband of 59 years to Eleanor Corneilson Rice; loving father of Lisa Helene Rice Hayes and her husband, Richard B. Hayes, of Md. and Linda Susan Rice Thorup and her husband, Donald W. Thorup, III of N.C.; cherished grandfather of Alexander Randall Thorup, Anna Elizabeth Thorup, and Ethan Dettmar Hayes; loving brother of David Reagan Rice and his wife, Marge Rice; beloved cousin of Betty Rice Trott and her husband, Dale Trott. Randall is also survived by eight nieces and nephews. Randall was a man of many friends and stories. He was a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather, friend, and colleague; a man who was both liked and admired, and will be greatly missed. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, December 28, 2013 at the First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany. Interment will be in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands. Donations in Randall's memory may be made to the Schenectady Church of Christ, 2042 Balltown Rd., Schenectady, NY 12309. To leave the family an online condolence please visit [sbfuneralhome.com](http://sbfuneralhome.com).