



Edwin Willard Bice, Jr.

May 7, 1946 - January 20, 2021

Edwin W. Bice Jr. passed away on January 20th, 2021 in Mooresville, NC. He was the son of Edwin Bice Sr. and Louise Bice of South Edmeston. His sister Nina Crandall pre-deceased him and his sister Ruth Calhoun currently lives in Whitesboro.

Ed had 5 children with his wife, Bev, who passed from cancer 8 years ago. Ed and Bev were married for 44 years. Their third child, Angie, lived only a few hours after her birth. He is survived by his children Edwin W. Bice III and his wife NiCole, Amy Bice, Christopher (Cubby) Bice and his wife Brooke and Matt Bice and his wife Rusty who all lived near Ed in the town of Mooresville. In addition, he is survived by 10 grandchildren ranging in ages from 23 – 12. Briana, Makenzie, Sierra, Bodie, Madison, Brock, Paris, Landon, Jordyn and Bailey.

Ed grew up in South Edmeston and would later graduate high school from New Berlin in the class of 1964. He played soccer and was a standout basketball and baseball player in high school. He had the opportunity to play basketball at St. Bonaventure but instead chose to serve his nation during the Vietnam conflict. As he put it, he attended the South Vietnam School of Warfare where he was a medic on his team. While in training for combat in Spokane, Washington he met Bev at a party. Upon his return to the United States, they married and moved back to upstate New York.

Ed began a long career in the power industry first working as a lineman for New York State Electric and Gas. He would move over to New York Power

Authority where he would work for 25 years and eventually retire as the Transmission Line and Substation General Supervisor.

Ed played on numerous basketball and softball teams in upstate New York. As his boys grew older, he eventually started coaching and would do so for the next 40 years. He started out as a Little League coach for his oldest son and would coach his other 2 sons as well. He moved onto coaching Senior Little League and eventually Clonan Post 1000 from Chadwicks, New York. He also coached baseball and basketball at Mount Markham High School for several years. He was the driving force behind the creation of the Mount Markham Area Youth Association. He wanted to give the kids from Mt. Markham the opportunity to play organized sports prior to 7th grade.

After moving to Mooresville, NC to be closer to his kids upon his retirement from Power Authority he helped to start the baseball team and would coach at the new Mt. Mourne IB School. Of course, they would win the championship that first year. He coached his grandson with his son, Matt, and his "adopted son" Josh Atwell in baseball on travel teams for several years. He worked one on one with numerous baseball and basketball players in the area. He was currently the pitching coach at Lake Norman High School and was working with the boys just over a month ago. In addition, he assisted his son, Cubby, with the junior high basketball team at Mt. Mourne IB. He liked to remind him that his team went undefeated and won the league last year while Cubby's fell short in the title game. Ed worked with easily 750 kids or more in his 40 years of coaching. He was known as Papa to his family and friends and the kids he coached.

He was always a man that showed you his priorities by his actions. His true joy in life was spending time with his grandkids. He attended nearly every game that any of his grandkids played including traveling to Florida and other states. He took his granddaughters on shopping trips and to the spa. He loved playing golf with his grandsons. They got to play 3 times a week this past summer and of course they would have to go eat after every round. He took the boys on numerous trips to watch Major League baseball games as well.

He took three cross country trips to watch baseball with his sons and they hit 15 different ball parks including a trip up the entire coast of California.

Ed was a great pool player and a die-hard Yankees and Syracuse Orange fan. He loved taking family, friends, and even strangers out on the boat for a ride around Lake Norman and then to his favorite restaurants. Going through his senior yearbook recently we saw a quote from a classmate describing Ed that read "I'll get that." He was always a very generous man and you would have to fight him for the check at the end of a meal.

Few people will make as great an impact on as many lives as Papa Bice. He was a second father to the friends of his sons and a dependable friend that you could always count on. The world is a lesser place today without him being in it.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, January 29 from 12:00 – 2:00 PM at Cavin Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville followed by a service at 2:00 PM in the chapel.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Bice family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 29. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

MR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - April 08, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ Edwin Willard Bice, Jr.

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ Edwin Willard Bice, Jr.

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ Edwin Willard Bice, Jr.

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JW

“ Good morning Bice friends and family. My name is Jim Webb and I was a high school friend of Ed. I was a year ahead of him in school and we were good buddies my senior year. I also got to spend some time with him these last couple of years when he came north. You all come from mighty fine stock. I knew the folks too and great smiles came from all. I will miss Ed and I am glad I knew him. God bless.

Jim Webb - February 12, 2021 at 08:13 AM

KK

“Cubby and Matt, what a beautiful life tribute to your Dad. So many happy memories shared of those he brought joy to their life. I just remember, when Frank and I lived in Mooresville and we would walk down to the ballpark and watching the basketball practices. Seeing all the kids perform under the coaching of your Father and Matt. I watched the celebration video,; it was very moving and beautiful. I am so sorry for the sudden loss and wish to express my sympathies to the whole family.

*Sincerely,
Karen Kieser*

Karen Kieser - February 05, 2021 at 11:44 AM

RP

“Matt and Cubby, my wife and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. He and I spent several years together at Mount Markham coaching boys basketball at all levels. I certainly respected Ed's knowledge of the game and the techniques he used to coach his players. His efforts went above and beyond not only on the court, but also to insure his team gave back to community activities. He was a coach and a friend to many, who will surely missed by all. Our prayers and thoughts are with your family .

Ralph Piscione

Ralph Piscione - February 04, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ Just a small complement from many years ago. Our 6th grade had its end-of-year picnic at my aunt Frances Robbin's house. Ed had stepped up to offer some unsolicited help. I don't remember what it was, but I do remember what she said about him after he left to the girls gathered in her kitchen: "That is the nicest boy I have ever taught," she said, "you girls ought to take notice!"

Signe Nelson - February 02, 2021 at 04:40 PM

JK

“ Scrolling through comments about Ed,s life it is easy to see how many lives he has touched and influenced and the legacy he leaves behind. Such heartfelt remembrances attest to the life he led. The eloquence of the survivors of his life leave no doubt that he was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

Ed and I became fast friends in our youth as we faced becoming men. Many times we shared our hopes, thoughts, ambitions and failings with each other from the early to latter days of our lives. His presence in this world was the essence of friendship. He will be sorely missed.

Eddie, Amy, Cubby, Matt, my prayers are with you. Take solace in the knowledge that he has rejoined your mother and waits to be with all of you again. Rest in peace my friend.

Jack Kriney - February 01, 2021 at 09:28 PM

SA

“ I was the Transmission Engineer whose engineering solutions were implemented in the field by Ed. When Ed looked over my proposal and gave me an ok I knew it will turn out fine. His input meant a lot to me. In 1998 January during the ice storm in upstate NY Ed had a big crew working in the bitter cold in icy fields and always took great care of his crew. I have spoken with him many times after his retirement when he was in North Carolina. I wanted to call him once more just a few days ago and I am really saddened to hear about his passing away. He was a class act and may his soul rest in peace.

Sam Raju

Sam - January 29, 2021 at 09:59 PM

TC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The service was amazing. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Bice family. Love you Toni Cooley

Toni Cooley - January 29, 2021 at 03:55 PM

GB

“ Eddie, Amy, Cubby and Matt, we were so sorry to hear of Ed's passing.. It's been many years since we've seen you all, during your school years at Mt Markham! We enjoyed being with Bev and Ed both beautiful people! Gordie played softball with Ed and I went to school with Ed I was class of '63! Last time Ed was in NY he stopped by and had a great visit with him.
God bless you all, Ed was so proud of his children and grandchildren, he was taken away much to soon!

With sympathy and love,

Gordie and Fran Bennett

Gordie and Fran Bennett - January 28, 2021 at 09:40 PM

LK

“Cubby and Matt, losing a parent, whether you are young or old, is a devastating experience. You have always spoken of your Dad with reverence and admiration. I am thinking of you both and grieve for your loss as you celebrate the life of a remarkable man.

Lise Keller - January 28, 2021 at 09:01 PM

RC

“We were so sorry to hear of Ed’s passing. He was a big part of our family. We have been remembering all the good times we spent through the years with Ed and Bev. Going back to the day they married. What a beautiful wedding and fun reception they had. Then the many times the whole family visited us in Spokane, Washington, and the times we visited them in New York, North Carolina, and Florida. Ed was the consummate host, always ensuring that everyone had a good time, whether it was taking the boys golfing or all of us sightseeing. The day usually ended with Ed finding a great restaurant and somehow always outmaneuvering you to get the bill. Ed always was interested in how our family was and asked after each member. He always remembered our Granddaughter’s birthday with a card and gift, even though he rarely saw her. He was a kind and generous man and above all a loving family man. He will be greatly missed.

With much love, Mary and Robert Cooley



Robert Cooley - January 28, 2021 at 06:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..



January 28, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Ed's passing. While employed at NYPA I had the privilege of working with Ed during storm emergencies. There was no one better at guiding a crew through the hardest of conditions. Ed always had the safety of his crew paramount in his decisions.*
Bob Burton

Bob Burton - January 28, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..



January 28, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ *Kevin and Teresa Elliott purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



Kevin and Teresa Elliott - January 28, 2021 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ *The Street Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



The Street Family - January 28, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 28, 2021 at 07:34 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 27, 2021 at 08:20 PM

DC

“ *Daniel Coffman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



Daniel Coffman - January 27, 2021 at 07:52 PM

JL

“ *My deepest and sincere condolences to the Bice Family in your loss. Mr. Bice was a work relation of mine from Lake Norman High. He was a fine person to me. James "Bobby" Luckey.*

James "Bobby" Luckey - January 27, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 27, 2021 at 01:29 PM

AC

“ *Ed, Amy, Cubby & Matt-*

I'm sorry to hear about your Dad passing away. He was a guy who gave a lot of himself to others and he will be remembered for that. You were very fortunate to have a Dad who loved his kids and grandkids so much, and was always so involved and supportive of you. His obituary is beautiful, and I think it does a great job giving a snapshot of the man he was. God speed Mr. Bice.

*Respectfully,
Andy Crowe*

Andy Crowe - January 27, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 27, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Amazing obituary for an amazing man. From his service to his Nation, to his commitment to his community and family, he truly was one to emulate.
Heartfelt condolences and prayers for strength as you celebrate his awesome life.*

Robert A. Sylvester - January 27, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *I share our deepest sympathy for your family. God bless his soul and and spirit. He is an amazing man, fellow veteran patriot, father, papa, coach and life teacher. We all are blessed to have had him in our lives. Carry on his name and do those things you all love to do together. RIP From the Conklin family. Aaron Samantha Terry Conklin God Bless.*

Aaron Conklin - January 27, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ *So sorry for the loss of your father. Just like my father, he was so dedicated to seeing his kids succeed as human beings and as athletes. Wishing you much comfort. Gina (Abraham) Richard*

Gina Richard - January 27, 2021 at 07:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..



January 26, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ I’m so sorry for your loss, and my heart goes out to each and every one of you - all of the Bice family. Ed was an inspiration to all of us that worked for and with him. He instilled a sense of responsibility that went above and beyond just “doing your job” in each and every one of us. R.I.P. my friend.....

Andy Cline - January 26, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Cubby, Matt and family, we are so saddened to hear of your tremendous loss. We know all too well the grief associated with the loss of one's father. May your wonderful memories, faith in God, the Father, and the love and support of family and friends help you through this very sad time. Our deepest sympathies,
Mary T and Reed Paden

Reed Paden - January 26, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ It is with shock and sadness that i offer our condolences to the families of Edwin Bice. Ed was a true and loyal best friend who never forgot his roots to the So. Ed. gang. Many memories of growing up with Ed. He is sadly missed and fondly remembered. So Sorry! Ron and Shirley Holl

Ronald E. Holl - January 26, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 26, 2021 at 03:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 26, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *RIP Doc, god bless, condolences to the family, Doc and I served in Viet Nam together. A brother Ranger.
Bob Bigelow 1041st (T)*

Robert Bigelow - January 26, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *Peggy and I send our sincere condolences to the Bice families and share the sadness of the loss of a loved Father, Grandfather, Brother and Friend. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Randy & Peggy Finck*

Randy Finck - January 26, 2021 at 02:36 PM

AE

“ Matt and Cubby, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Each of you and your families and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.

Andy Ellis

Andy Ellis - January 26, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..



January 26, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ I had the pleasure of serving in the 1041st with ED.. I was not a medic,, We went through the same training for Viet Nam. He took excellent care of us. He was a good friend and kept in touch when we returned home. He will be missed at the reunions . He was reunited with his wife , and many others of the 1041st SP Sqdn.. He served his country well. RIP My Friend.

Larry Wallace - January 26, 2021 at 01:48 PM

JB

“ Mike and I are so sorry to hear of this tremendous loss to the Bice family. Cubby talked about him often. We know how important he was to him and Matt. We will definitely keep the family in our prayers.

Joanne and Mike Beatty - January 26, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 26, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *It is a blessing to have had such a man as a father. May your wonderful memories give you comfort in the days ahead. My heart is breaking for you Matt and Cubby, at this tremendous loss. Sending prayers for you and your family.*

Patsy Evans - January 26, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *The obituary was a very good glimpse into the life of a man that will be truly missed, not only by his family, but by everyone who ever had the opportunity to meet and be influenced, impacted, and encouraged by Ed Bice. Prayers for the entire family and for God's presence to embrace you all during this time of loss.*

Ronnie Pinyan - January 26, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *Cubby and Matt, your father sounds like a wonderful man. We can see more about how you all turned out to be the kind men you are. So sorry for your loss. Steve and Penny*

PENNY BURGE - January 26, 2021 at 11:40 AM

GT

“Cubby and Matt - my heart goes out to you and your families. I know how close you were to your dad. These are tough times for all of Ed's children and Grandkids. Obit and I wish I at sometime had a chance to meet your dad. He will be missed. George Turnbull

George Turnbull - January 26, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..



January 26, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JP

“I'm so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. I knew Ed from NYPA, and remember him as true gentleman who looked after his crew with respect.

Jeffrey A. Popiel - January 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM

RT

“To the Bice family my condolence upon the passing of your dad! He seemed like a wonderful dad, Papa, & friend. I know in the days to come you will have these wonderful memories of him & the love he has shown his family & all the wonderful things he did with his grandchildren. His grandchildren will always remember what a great Papa they had. Matt & Cubby your life will be so much better because you had such a wonderful father to guide you & be also your friend in your life!
Rebecca Turnbl



Rebecca Turnbull - January 26, 2021 at 11:02 AM



“ *A good medic, a good man and a good friend. May we meet again.*
Ron Glasscock

Ron Glasscock - January 26, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *It was great working with Ed at the Power Authority.*

John H. Phillips - January 26, 2021 at 06:54 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathies*
The Kopecky Family



the kopecky family - January 25, 2021 at 11:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 25, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 25, 2021 at 09:15 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Robert & Mary Cooley and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



With Love, Robert & Mary Cooley and Family - January 25, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 25, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



January 25, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *John Griffith purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Edwin Willard Bice, Jr..*



John Griffith - January 22, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ I had the privilege and honor of serving with Ed in the 1041st SPS(T). We trained together in Hawaii and from there deployed to Phu Cat Air Base, South Vietnam. Ed was a 1041st medic who completed the same ranger training that we all were a part of. As a 1041st medic in Vietnam, Ed attended to all of our medical needs with skill and dedication. Ed was a good man, a tough warrior and most of all a good friend and brother. On a personal note I am aware that Ed was not only dedicated to his family but extremely proud of their accomplishments. He spoke of them often whenever we got together in recent years at reunions. I will greatly miss Ed. May he rejoin his wife and both rest in eternal peace with a God he loved very much.



John Griffith - January 22, 2021 at 08:35 PM

LF

“ Dear Bice family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was such a kind, loving, fun and generous man who was all about family and did so much for the community. I have so many wonderful memories of being with your family and always admired the close knit family that you are and the fun times you always have together. I remember when I met you on a trip to FL and your Dad of course treated us all to dinner at his favorite seafood restaurant. Fun times were always had on the lake or one of the many parties at one of the Bice homes. I will always treasure the wonderful memories I have of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Laura Fromal

Laura Fromal - January 22, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JE

“ Dear Bice family,
Your dad was a good man and a good friend. Always willing to help a youngster get better at playing ball or willing to stop and offer a kind word to anyone. I had numerous talks with him over the past couple of years at practices, games, and tournaments. Although we did talk a lot of politics and history, he would always speak of you guys, his family. His eyes lit up when he talked of his children and his grandchildren. I could easily tell he loves all of you very much. I am truly saddened by his passing. I respected him and I admired him. To me he was the true measure of a man. Please know how truly sorry I am. I believe in time you will all see him again. God bless you all. Sincerely, Jeff Wright

Jeff - January 21, 2021 at 10:01 PM

DK

Ed was one of our medics in the 1041st. I remember him mostly as the guy who punctured my arm with some vaccine or another at Schofield Barracks before we shipped to Vietnam. Then there was the knowledge while we did what we did in Vietnam that he and the other medics were there for us. He was a fine medic and a fine man. May he rest in peace.

David K Kannas - January 23, 2021 at 05:38 PM

JO

Sorry for your loss. Ed lived a full filling, and productive life, that impacted his family ,and friends in a positive way. We shared a love for Sports. May he rest in peace. God Bless.

John D. Owings

John Owings - January 26, 2021 at 10:26 AM

MS

Dear Bice family, I will always be grateful to Bev and Ed for sharing your family with Jason. He is always included in your family holidays and sporting adventures. Much sympathy to you all.
Marty Smith

Marty Smith - January 27, 2021 at 11:56 AM