



## Mr. Corey Joseph Rice

October 31, 1994 - July 26, 2021

Corey Joseph Rice, 26, of Tampa, Florida, born in Brandon on October 31, 1994, entered into eternal rest on July 26, 2021. He grew up in Zephyrhills, and attended Zephyrhills High School. He loved his daughter dearly, and was an avid fan of the Tampa Bay Bucs. He is survived by daughter, Aubrianna Rice; parents, Jessica Whiddon (Nick) of Lakeland, and Joey Rice (Nancy) of Zephyrhills; brother, Aaden Nicholas Whiddon; grandparents, Carol Walker, John Fisher (Violet), and Gilbert and Deronda Rice; beloved dog, Zeus; and many other family and friends. A funeral service will be held Saturday, August 7 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
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Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Funeral Service

AUG 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Corey Joseph Rice



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 05, 2021 at 08:36 PM

DA

OMG... 😭  
Powerful! 💖  
🙏

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**Darlene** - August 09, 2021 at 05:27 PM

DT

“ Corey, it's a year today you left us.  
I think of you every single day since you left.

*There's a huge void in our family and huge  
broken heart forever.*

*I miss you son so very much.*

*I love you*

*Memom Rice*



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**Deronda Tice** - July 26, 2022 at 03:24 AM

DR

“ Our precious firstborn grandchild, how we miss you.  
Your first year in Heaven on Father's Day I know your daughter  
Aubrianna would love spending the day with her daddy.

Not a second, minute, hour of the day since you left that we don't  
think of you. You are constantly with me.. I miss you and love and  
yearn to just grab you and hug you so tight my Corey. Til we meet in  
Heaven when God calls me home.

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**Deronda Rice** - June 19, 2022 at 09:14 AM

DR

“ It's Oct. 26, it's been 3 months since you left us. I love you Corey in  
my heart & soul always & forever til my last breath. Til I see you  
again. I hold you in my heart.

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**Deronda Rice** - October 26, 2021 at 09:23 AM

BR

“ Not a day goes by, where I do not think of you and miss you. Love  
you always!

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**Brandi** - October 05, 2021 at 08:35 PM

BG

“ Still missing you...😭

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**Brandi Gresham** - September 08, 2021 at 08:16 PM

BG

“ *Sitting here at 9pm 8/17/21, consumed with memories of you. Still do hard to believe we will never be in your presence again. Hard to believe that it's already been 23 days since you left us. Your baby girl misses you. But don't worry we are looking after her and will make sure to airways keep your name in our homes. I love you my sweet nephew. On earth for 26 years 8 months, 3 weeks, and 5 days... and for eternity.*

Brandi Gresham - August 17, 2021 at 09:06 PM

BG

*Typos 😊*

Brandi Gresham - August 17, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - August 06, 2021 at 10:27 PM

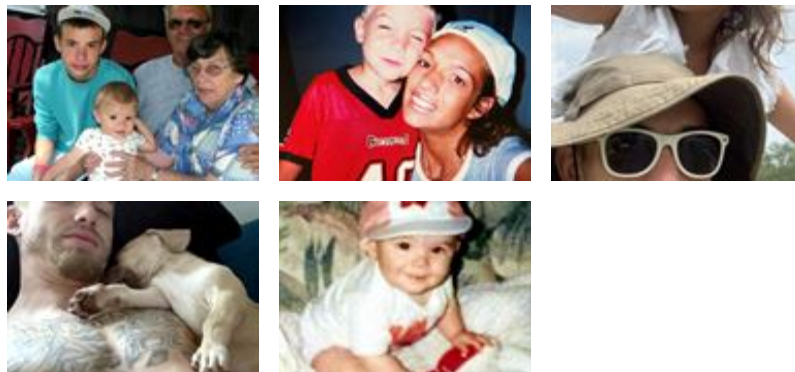
DR

*I remember the day when I took this photo ❤️*

Deronda Rice - August 12, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 05, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Joseph Rice.



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August 04, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 04, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Joseph Rice.*



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August 03, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *20 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 02, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JW

“ I remember when you where born. I pushed for almost 5hrs before they told me that you were turned sideways & your head was to big (lol) so they has to do an emergency c-section on me. I remember seeing your face then passing out. Then to wake up with you in memoms arms while she was rocking you in the hospital chair. It was the very 1st time I ever experienced what is was like to truly deeply love another being. You where such a happy baby. You use to give your last piece of candy away because you felt the other person needed more then you. That's the kind of heart you where born with & the kind of heart you left with. You always worried about others over yourself & would give your last dollar if someone needed it as well. I LOVE you Corey Joeseph 💕 You will be missed by so many. May you be smiling down on us & help comfort us through all this. Love your Mom 💕

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**Jessica Whiddon** - August 01, 2021 at 05:29 PM

AK

“ Aunt Gina n aunt Kim loves you Corey...joey Nancy Jessica Gilbert n deronda our hearts hurt for you all I hope you find comfort in all the love from us all and if you need anything we're here...we love you all...go rest high on the mountain with great papa Corey I love you

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**Aunt Gina aunt kim** - August 01, 2021 at 02:53 PM

PR

“ Our love is never ending



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**Papa and Memom Rice** - August 01, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Joseph Rice.*



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July 30, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ *Jr & Arlene Davis purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Corey Joseph Rice.*



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**Jr & Arlene Davis** - July 30, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Joseph Rice.*



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July 29, 2021 at 08:17 PM

DR

“ How do I even begin posting a memory of our grandson, he should still be with us. We Are heartbroken .  
I remember the day October 31, 1994 like it was yesterday When you were born Papa & I ecstatic . we both kept looking you over Corey counting every finger every toe saying how much you looked like your dad.  
We were beaming with pride couldn't wait for you to get home so we could hold you and love and cuddle you.  
We will forever hold you in our hearts papa and I cherished you Corey. The hurt we feel is unimaginable.  
MeMom and Papa Rice

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**Derinda & Gilbert Rice** - July 29, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Corey Joseph Rice.



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July 29, 2021 at 02:08 PM

BG

“ My little Corey... while no longer a little boy, and having become a man, in my eyes you always remained my little Corey. My heart aches with pain knowing you are gone, knowing you likely didn't know just how very much I loved you and adored you No matter what! Id give anything to tell you that. I have an endless amount of memories of you but a few of my fondest memories of you, are when you went to a yard sale a bought me a mug "Aunts are Special people" you may have been all of 5 or 6. But your heart even at that young age was so loving. You had the most compassion for people. Another would be when I had my tonsils removed. I woke up to you cuddled up next to me with your big Giant Bear. Telling me ya'll were there to make me better. You always loved Barney and putting on shows. You'd get everyone around and before you began you'd utter, "Ladies and Gentlemen Boys and Grils" it was the cutest thing! Eventually I began driving and couldn't wait to leave school so I could come pick you up from daycare. You spent endless summers with me. Soon I became a mom myself, but I still never could get enough of my little Corey. You were the Sunshine in my life. Watching you grow up was one of the most special moments of my life. Seeing you with my kids, then becoming a father yourself. It was strange to see because you were now a man, but it was so magical. Im sorry time got between us, words that can't be unspoken. Apologies that can now never be. Id do so much different if only I had known. To anyone who reads this, please make peace with anyone you may be on the outs with. Forgive! And love with your All! Ill never get that chance again. I love you Corey Joseph Rice, with my whole heart then just as I do today and always have. Im so very sorry Corey. I wish this wasn't real.





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**Brandi Gresham** - July 29, 2021 at 01:21 PM