

Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail & Arboretum

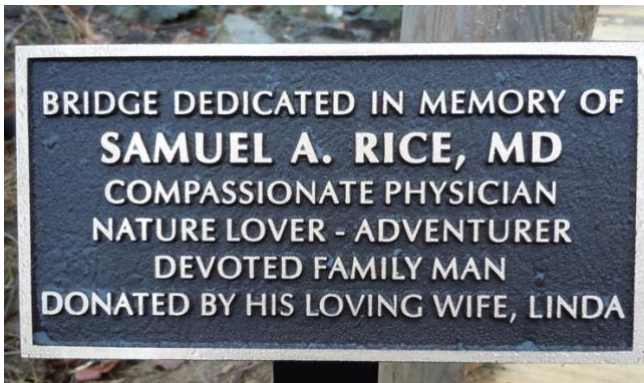
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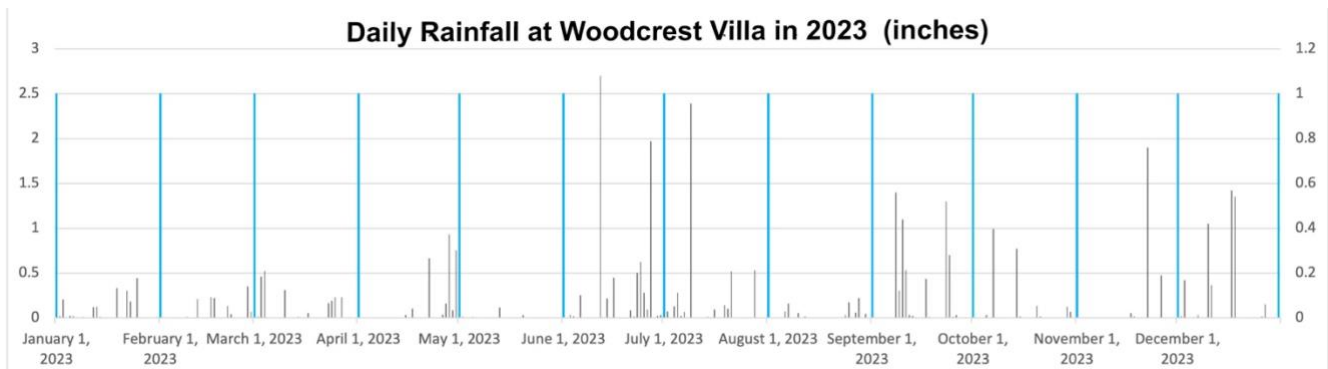
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Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees

Dedication of the Dr. Samuel A. Rice Arboretum Bridge



On Dec. 26, 2023, Linda Rice and members of her family dedicated the new bridge in the Arboretum to the memory of Dr. Samuel A. Rice. The bridge was finished in September, but the dedication was postponed until family members gathered together for the holidays. Pastor Donna Becker officiated the ceremony which included a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The bridge connects the original Arboretum with the new Arboretum expansion area. The first tree planted in the expansion area is in memory of Lew Kauffman. See Linda's message on next page.



This is a plot of the daily rainfall this past year. June, July, September and December were wetter than normal. February, May and August were dryer than normal. Rainfall for the year was normal.

More from the Bridge Dedication



“This bridge is being dedicated to the memory of my dear husband, Sam, also known as Dr. Rice, Dad, papa, brother. He grew up enjoying the wonders of nature and felt great concern for the environment. This largely came from his experience in scouting where he achieved the rank of Eagle. His enjoyment of hiking also came from scouting. He loved hiking in the woods and he could identify many of the trees in PA. He was an adventurer at heart and we traveled to many European, countries—as well as Tanzania, Nepal, New Zealand, and the Galápagos Islands. He was a caring, compassionate physician who treated his patients with love and respect. He was deeply spiritual and when he felt led, he prayed with his patients. He was a proud supporter of his family.

Sam was called Dad by our son married to Jessica, and by our daughter Elizabeth married to Chris. Sam was Papa to our grandsons, Jackson and Andrew. Sam was the older brother of Matt married to Kirin.

We are especially grateful to the men who built the bridge and to the Nature Trail and Arboretum Committee for their support. The bridge connects the present Arboretum to the future extension of the Arboretum. THANK YOU to all of you!

I also want to THANK Chaplain Donna for all the time and effort she provided to make this bridge dedication very significant.” -- Linda Rice

Photos courtesy of Bruce Metzler and Linda Rice



Linda Rice is in blue. Others in order from left to right: son, Nathaniel Rice and his wife Jessica; Chris Bejgrowicz, married to daughter Elizabeth; sister-in-law Kirin Rice; grandsons Andrew Gates and Jackson Gates; and Sam’s brother married to Kirin Rice

Thanks for Donations

Thanks to those that donated for the Trail Crew to buy supplies for the Nature Trail & Arboretum such as saw blades for trimming, mulch for the trail, and service for the tractor.

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