



Ruby Lee Rice

March 25, 1924 - April 18, 2022

Ruby Lee Rice, 98, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, died April 18, 2022 in San Marcos, Texas.

She was born March 25, 1924, in Birch Tree, MO to Chester Clyde and Eula Mae (Lemons)Spencer.

She graduated with honors from Southwest Missouri State Teacher's College in July, 1944, earning a bachelor of science degree in Education and a certificate in music. She taught business subjects at St. Clair High School and at Rolla High School.

Ruby was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau for over fifty years and served in the Southeast Hospital Auxiliary.

She and Daniel Paul Rice were married May 10, 1946, at St. Clair, Missouri. They enjoyed seventy years of marriage until death parted them in 2016. Shortly thereafter she moved to Texas to be nearer her children.

She is survived by their three sons; Donald E. Rice and wife Sandra, of Houston, Texas; David A. Rice and wife Lynn, of Richardson, Texas; and Kenneth O. Rice and wife Jackie, of Wimberley, Texas; 5 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Burial will be in Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, MO, or Southeast Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park

2315 Highway 61 N
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

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“ *The news of Mrs. Rice's passing saddened me this morning. As one of her neighbors for over 35 years it was always a joy to say hi to her or to throw up a hand and wave as she walked by on her daily walks. She often stopped just to inquire after my daughters after they headed off to college. She and Mr. Rice were good people.*

Perhaps the greatest gift she ever gave me was the simple act of leaving an envelope tucked in my front door from time to time. Inside, I would always find a clipped article from the paper that she had taken the time to notice and read and then cut out and leave for me. They were always articles of my two girls' accomplishments as they grew up here in Cape. Honor rolls, awards, a day working with the Parks cleanup. Didn't matter what. It was a nod to our girls, for sure, but I always felt it was her way of letting us know we were doing well in how we raised them. That was a special gift.

I still have those articles. Some are still on old bulletin boards, others pop up when I open an album or book. They are treasures and I love that she gifted them to us. Our thoughts are with her family today. She was a special person and will not be forgotten by us.

Joe and Pat Schlosser

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