



Maxine Iola Jones Rice

March 3, 1944 - September 14, 2013

Maxine Iola Jones Rice, age 69, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, September 14, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer that weakened her body, but never her faith in Jehovah God and her deep and caring love for others.

She leaves to treasure her memory, her loving and devoted husband John Davis Rice of their home in Wake Forest, NC. They would have celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on September 29, 2013. Also surviving are her treasured daughters and sons-in-law, Angela Annette Rice-Warren and Michael of Roxboro, NC, and Lisa Ann Rice and Jerry Wade Jr. of Blanch, NC.

Born in Halifax County, Virginia, she was the twelfth of 12 children of the late Sydnor Archer Jones and Iola Trammell Jones. Maxine is survived by one sister, Mary Griffith of Wake Forest, NC, and one brother, Henry Edward Jones and his wife Gail of Springfield, OH.

She was preceded in death by five sisters, Mealie Jones McCormick, Margaret Jones Milton, Maggie Jones Adams, Mabel Jones Prowell, Mildred Jones Barksdale; and four brothers, Sam Flenoury Jones, Hurley Jones, James Allen Jones, and Bobby Milton Jones; and a special brother-in-law,

Curtis Rice.

Also surviving are brothers and sisters-in-law Eldon and Josephine Rice, Earl and Linda Rice, Aubrey and Jeanette Rice, Allen and Cathy Rice, and Linda Rice; and numerous adoring nieces and nephews, each one firmly believing they are her 'favorite' because she made everyone feel that way.

A lifelong homemaker, wife, mother, and cherished friend, Maxine greatly enjoyed caring for others. Part of that caring included her diligent witnessing to others and sharing her faith in Jehovah God and his promise of an earthly paradise. She created a home of love, warmth and beauty, surrounded by flowers she devoted hours to making the most gorgeous in the neighborhood, a paradise on her own street. She was especially proud of her beautiful hydrangeas.

Because of Maxine's great love of flowers, they will be gladly accepted as are donations to Safe Haven for Cats (<http://safehavenforcats.org/>), an organization that takes care of our feline friends, just like Maxine always did, or Hospice of Wake County (<http://www.hospiceofwake.org>).

The family sends sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the staff of the Hospice of Wake County for their tireless and compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held at at Powell Funeral Home in South Boston, VA, with Elder Steve Rice officiating, followed by burial at Halifax Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends immediately afterwards at Powell Funeral Home, 1603 Wilborn Avenue, South Boston, VA 24592.

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Tribute Wall

GO

“ So Sorry for your loss You are in our prayers

Kenneth & Glenda Ogden

Glenda Short Ogden - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our sincere sympathy is sent to you Angela, Lisa, Mr. Rice and your family during your loss. May our Lord and Savior embrace you.

Grady & Mary Stephens - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Angie, I never got a chance to meet your Mom, but I know how special you are and that is a testament to your Mom! I value your friendship and our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through the coming days, weeks, and years. Remember all the happy times with her and hang on to the thought of her being at peace in heaven now.

Kim Brock - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Angie and family,

My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you always. May God's love and peace continue to shine down upon you all.

With much love,

Crystal Appel

Crystal Appel - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AV

“ Dear John and Family,

Words cannot express how saddened we were to hear about the death of our dear sister, Maxine. We pray that the God of comfort will strengthen you and your family during this difficult period of adjustment. (Psalms 83:18; 2 Corinthians 2:3, 4) There is so little anyone can say at a time like this to ease your pain. Only time will do that. May it help to know that our prayers, thoughts of sympathy and our Christian love are with you. We look forward to seeing Maxine again during the resurrection in the very near future. (Acts 24:15)

Christian Love,

Andrew and Frances Valentine

And Barbara Clinton

ANDREW AND FRANCES VALENTINE - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Lisa and family, So sorry for your loss. I know you will miss her terribly.

Pam Stephenson - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your family's loss Angela. Praying for your family.

Barbara Winstead - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *May God comfort you during this time, know that love and prayers are surrounding you today and every day.*

Sharon and Bert Delap - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Lisa and Angie I am so sorry for your lose. I know that she will be missed but she is now your angel in heaven as she was on earth. Know that you both are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you both.*

Teresa Pollock - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *While I never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Rice, she clearly was a beautiful person inside and out. My heart goes out to all of her family and keep the love strong with all around you. You all will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lorraine Rutt - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Wishing I was there to hold you all so close and let you know how deeply saddened I am over the loss of a woman who was truly one of a kind. It takes a special person to make everyone feel loved as though they were her own, and Maxine made me feel very loved. John, I know this is something you already know but, stay strong my dear brother and hold the memories always close to your heart to get you through until you and Maxine meet again. The expressions of your love for one another will always shine in your beautiful daughters eyes. I LOVE YOU ALL.....*

Teresa brooks - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *What a great biography. She is loved by so many. So glad she is pain free now and with her father in heaven. Praying for you guys. Love ya*

Stormi Strickland - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *LOVE AND PRAYERS TO YOU ALL IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS AND SORROW!!! TAKE CARE AND BE BLESSED!!!! HUGS !!!!!*

PAM ASHLEY - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Will miss you Grandma Rice... Though u were not my blood grandma, you never treated me anyless than blood... I will never forget the times we spent together, and the memories, i will cherish always! Love you! Rest peacefully!*

Toni Chandler - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM