



Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice

July 29, 1934 - October 20, 2015

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice, age 81, formerly of the Bethel community, will be held at Crawford-A.Crim Funeral Home at 2:00 pm, Saturday, October 24th, with Rev. Debbie Tipps officiating. Interment will be in Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A.Crim Funeral Home in Henderson, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30 PM on Friday, October 23, 2015 at the funeral home.

Betty died on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at Trinity Mother France Hospital in Tyler, Texas, following a brief illness. She was born July 29th, 1934, to L.J. Rives and Lonie Ector Rives of the Bethel Community in Henderson, Texas. She lived in Henderson until her marriage to Edward "Eddie" Rice, Jr. in 1955. She moved around the country with her husband as his Air Force career required. Upon her mother's death in 1967 she relocated to Henderson where she has resided ever since.

Betty was a lifelong Methodist and devoted to her Bethel United Methodist Church until its doors closed. She was church historian and took great pride in her documentation of the church's history. She was a devoted wife and homemaker. She was deceptively quiet, but would always surprise you with her contribution when she spoke up. She had a wonderful sense of humor and

the most beautiful expressive blue eyes. Her favorite past times were watching "Wheel of Fortune" and watching every weather report she could see throughout the day.

Betty is survived by her son, Edward Jay Rice, of Henderson, Texas; a sister, Lucy "Judy" Cook, of Henderson, Texas; a brother, Marion "Bub" Rives, of Henderson, Texas; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Rives, of Cumming, Georgia; a sister-in-law, Patricia Rice, of Kilgore, Texas; a host of cousins, nieces, great nieces, and great-great nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, L.J. & Lonie Rives; and her husband, Edward "Eddie" Rice, Jr.

Pallbearers will be Steve Boyer, Mike Pipes, Benny Rountree, Beau Rountree, Gary Wakefield and Mark Owens.

Honorary pallbearers will be Marion "Bub" Rives, Doug Andrews, Jerry Ellis, Gary Sisto, Pat Murphy and Tony Roof.

Memorials may be made to the Bethel Cemetery Fund Association at 4467 CR 314S, Henderson, Texas 75654.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

CR 314
Henderson, TX 75654

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 22, 2015 at 04:44 PM

SM

Sending prayers to cover you !!!!

steve & sandy mcmurray - October 22, 2015 at 06:24 PM

BG

“ *Becky Gelwicks lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Becky Gelwicks - October 30, 2015 at 08:48 AM

JT

“ *Lucy,*

Sorry to hear about Betty. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

Love

Jack & Peggy Turner

Jack & Peggy Turner - October 23, 2015 at 02:56 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 23, 2015 at 01:31 PM

KW

Great picture! <3

Kathy Willingham - October 23, 2015 at 06:05 PM

DD

“ *Debra & Holly Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Debra & Holly Dorsey - October 22, 2015 at 08:27 PM

CL

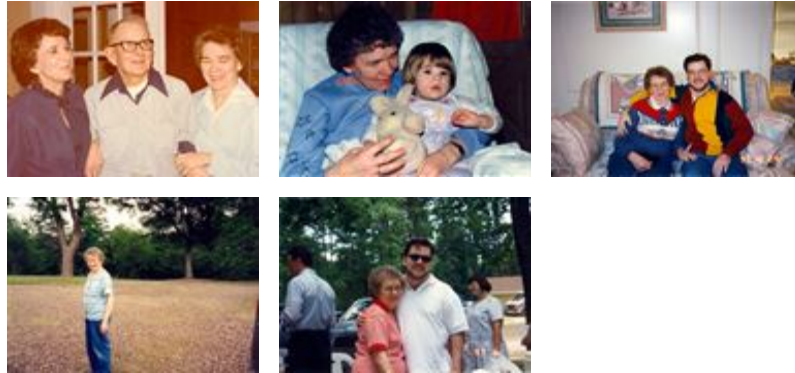
“ *Holding you in my heart this day and everyday, Ms. Betty.*



Claudia - October 22, 2015 at 03:08 PM



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 22, 2015 at 02:51 PM

CM

“ *Connie Repp Merritt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Connie Repp Merritt - October 22, 2015 at 01:35 PM

DR

“ *Donna Martin Rountree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Donna Martin Rountree - October 22, 2015 at 12:54 PM

JB

“ Janet Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice



Janet Boatwright - October 22, 2015 at 06:48 AM

RJ

“ Randy & Tracey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice



Randy & Tracey Johnson - October 21, 2015 at 11:34 PM

GB

“ Glenda Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice



Glenda Bynum - October 21, 2015 at 04:58 PM

JL

“ Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice



Judy Lewis - October 21, 2015 at 04:03 PM

JL

I will miss seeing Betty out with Judy and Jay eating at her favorite restaurants in town. She was always such a sweet and kind lady and always took care of Eddie and Jay. I know she will be missed

Judy Lewis - October 21, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MD

How I will miss my sweet friend.. always had a smile for me, and I loved her so much.. Prayers for Jay and Judy!!!

mary ann duran - October 23, 2015 at 09:43 AM

JM

“ *Jen Morris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Jen Morris - October 21, 2015 at 02:19 PM

Anita Eason

“ *Ms. Betty was a neighbor for many years along with her sister Ms. Judy Cook. Lovely lady. Please accept Danny and I's condolences to the family. Ms. Betty and Ms. Cook were good to our daughters at each of their high school graduations. God Bless, Danny and Anita Eason.*



Anita Eason - October 21, 2015 at 12:33 PM

BN

“ *So sorry about Ms. Betty. Loved our Bethel Family!! Praying for comfort and strength.*
Barbara

Barbara Nicholas - October 21, 2015 at 09:37 AM

DN

“ *Debra Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Debra Nichols - October 21, 2015 at 01:03 AM

MD

“ *Mary Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Jane Rives Rice*



Mary Davis - October 20, 2015 at 07:13 PM