



Bronnie "Bea" Rice

April 25, 1929 - November 20, 2010

Bronnie (Bea) Ardell Willis Rice was born April 25, 1929 in Dermott, Arkansas to John and Effie Willis, and went to be with her Lord on November 20, 2010. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 22, 2010 at Rusk County Memorial Gardens with the Reverend Glen Ketchum officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson. Bea was the youngest of ten siblings. They, along with her parents, have preceded her to be with Jesus. She married Billy Joe Rice October 22, 1949 and together they raised two sons. She was born again in Houston in 1957, and was active in her church as a Sunday school teacher and in women's ministries. After moving to Henderson, Billy Joe and Bea started their own business - Bea Rice Farm Equipment - and pastored the Church of God congregation for a time. Bea is survived by her husband of 61 years, Billy Joe; son and daughter-in-law, Don and Beverly Rice of Henderson, son and daughter-in-law Jerry and Deborah Rice of Houston, grandchildren Stacey Rice Whaley, Evonne Rice Knight and husband David of Longview, Cari Rice Sheppard of Houston; great-grandchildren Taylor Carriere of Henderson, Savannah Sheppard of Houston; nieces and nephews, and many dear friends over the years. Though we are saddened by her departure, we are thankful to God that He released her body from the ravages of the Alzheimer's that afflicted her in her final ten years. The family is especially thankful to our caregivers, Southwood Nursing Home, and Heart to Heart hospice that made life more bearable, and who will receive a special reward

from the Lord for their loving faithfulness. 1 Thes. 4:16-18: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we which are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words." Amen. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I have many fond memories of Bea. She was like an aunt to me since she and mom were so close. I look forward to seeing her in Heaven where I know she is shouting up and down those streets of gold.*

Janey Armstrong Mills - November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM