



## Ava Ann Rice

August 27, 1947 - February 15, 2026

Ava Rice was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 27, 1947. One of her most meaningful achievements was her many years of service as a nurse and working with the Oklahoma Red Cross, where she devoted herself to helping those in need.

Ava was full of life and personality. She loved to garden and travel, and she never passed up a chance to dance. Known for her vibrant spirit, Ava was rarely seen without her nails painted a bright red to match her hair -- a small but unmistakable reflection of her bold approach to life.

Ava passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, while living in Fall River, Kansas. She leaves behind a loving family who will forever cherish her memory, including her daughter, Dusty Rymer; her son-in-law, David Rymer; her grandchildren Jesse Rymer, April Rymer, Leah Rymer, and Jacob Rymer; and her great-grandchildren Logan Rymer, Michael Rymer, Diana Rymer, and Remington Rymer. A Daughter Tina Bryant of Denton, TX, and a son Bill Jones of Oklahoma. She is also survived by several other family members.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Michael Rymer; her mother, Margaret Lorentz; her father, Montia Rice; and her grandparents, Monroe Philbeck and Ann Philbeck.

Ava's legacy lives on in the many lives she helped and the great grandchildren she adored.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2026, at the Fall River Community Building 409 Merchants Ave, Fall River, KS 67047 at 1:00 pm. Memorials have been suggested in her memory to the Red Cross and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Fall River Community Building  
Fall River, KS 67047

*409 Merchants Ave. Fall River, KS 67047*