



## Ellen Jane Rice

March 3, 1942 - January 20, 2017

Ellen Jane Rice, age 74, formerly of Howard, KS, passed away Friday, January 20, 2017 in Derby, KS. Ellen was born on March 3, 1942 in Blackwell, OK the daughter of Melzia and Ellen Gay (Head) Butler.

At an early age, Ellen met a young man named Donald E. Rice. They married in Oklahoma and raised a family together. They were married for over 60 years. Donald survives her.

Ellen worked for many years as a dietary supervisor at Howard Twilight nursing home but she also helped manage the farm and helped to run a meat locker business. She loved children and her home became the neighborhood hangout spot for many of the children. She worked hard for her family whether it was helping her husband study for college or making clothes and Halloween costumes for her children she enjoyed helping her family in any way she could. She even helped raise not only her children but many of their nieces and nephews as well. She made sure that their lives were full and active and that they wanted for nothing no matter how little she had to work with. In her free time she enjoyed bowling and spending time with kids.

Ellen is survived by:

Husband:

Donald E. Rice

Daughters:

Polly Maher of Derby, KS

Peggy Springer and husband John of Lewis, KS

Patty Rice of Derby, KS

Brother:

Frank Butler

Sisters:

June Kralicek

Nada Phillips

Lottie Butler

10 Grandchildren

3 Great Grandchildren

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Melzia and Howard Butler; and sisters Irene Bilson and Georgia Matney

A Funeral Service will be held at Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, KS on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be at Cresco Cemetery in Howard. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com).

Memorials have been suggested to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 206 E. Washington – P.O. Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349.

# Cemetery Details

## Cresco Cemetery

US HWY 99 & Rock Rd  
Howard, KS 67349

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard  
206 E. Washington  
P.O. Box 1233  
Howard, KS 67349  
(620) 374-2381

# Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Carlos Rice lit a candle in memory of Ellen Rice*



Carlos Rice - January 21 at 05:42 PM

CA

“ *Carlos lit a candle in memory of Ellen Rice*



Carlos - January 20, 2025 at 02:29 AM

CR

“ *Carlos Rice lit a candle in memory of Ellen Rice*



Carlos Rice - January 24, 2023 at 12:29 AM

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“ *Carlos Rice lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jane Rice*



Carlos rice - July 14, 2022 at 05:14 AM

CA

“ *Carlos lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jane Rice*



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**carlos** - December 04, 2021 at 12:22 AM

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“ *Carlos Rice lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jane Rice*



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**carlos rice** - September 11, 2020 at 04:09 AM

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“ *Carlos Rice lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jane Rice*



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**Carlos rice** - May 11, 2017 at 05:00 AM

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“ *Carlos Rice lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jane Rice*



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**Carlos rice** - May 11, 2017 at 04:56 AM

CC

“ *Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Ellen Jane Rice*



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**Chip&Nancy Crum** - January 26, 2017 at 12:32 PM

JH

“ *Don and family, I am so sorry to hear about Ellen's passing. I always enjoyed talking with Ellen and I totally loved the divinity candy that she would make during Christmas time and send up to the sheriff's office. Love and prayers to the Rice family.*

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**Janet Harrington** - January 24, 2017 at 08:07 PM

LF

“ *Lydia Gay & Jane Kay and families purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Ellen Jane Rice.*



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**Lydia Gay & Jane Kay and families** - January 24, 2017 at 04:46 PM

DD

“ *So sorry about your mom. Lots of thoughts and prayers for you all.*

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**Dana Denton** - January 24, 2017 at 03:31 PM

AL

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother.*

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**Amy Lance** - January 23, 2017 at 10:14 PM

JO

“ *Learned a lot about cooking working for Ellen at the nursing home.  
Condolences to the family.*

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**Jan Osborn** - January 23, 2017 at 07:21 PM

KB

“ *Peggy, sorry for your loss. Kandy Bahr-Marks*



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**kandy bahr-marks** - January 23, 2017 at 04:19 PM

PS

*Ellen was a lovely lady. I miss her.*

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**pat shoemaker senior services** - May 02, 2017 at 04:47 PM