



Sharon Lynne Rice

October 25, 1956 - October 4, 2014

Sharon Rice, 57, went to be with her heavenly Father on October 4, 2014. Funeral Services will be held in Chanute, Kansas at Ambassador Christian Church at 1:30 pm on Thursday October 9, 2014. Sharon was born on October 25, 1956 to Melvin and Mildred Pederson in Topeka, KS.

She graduated from Topeka High School in 1974 and earned an Associates Degree from Neosho County Community College in 2008. She was united in marriage to James Rice on July 12, 1975. Sharon's work history included assistant manager and eventual co-owner of the Spirit of Love Bookstore, 19 years as a church secretary and 7 years as the Bookstore Assistant at Neosho County Community College. Her loves included bowling, music, old movies, reading; Royals Baseball, supporting NCCC activities/athletics, and always being involved in a variety of church activities. Most of all she loved spending time with and spoiling her grandchildren. She was a member of St. Cecilia Music Club and AKCCOP.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, James; son Tim Rice and wife Megan; daughter Jaime and husband Ryan Huff; brother Ron Pederson and wife Cindy; and grandchildren Deven, twins Boston and Broden, and Addisyn Rice; Rylie and Jailee Huff. She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials have been established for Ambassador Christian Church, and the NCCC Foundation.

Countryside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. On-line condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 9. 1:30 PM (CT)

Ambassador Christian Church
4001 S. Johnson Road
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Jim and family we are so sad to hear of Sharons passing, we didnt know untill today at church. She was so much fun at Humboldt Christian Church, we enjoyed you both so much. She will always be thought of that way. We send our condolences to you Jim and the whole family.
Sincerely Joe and Marilyn Boyd

Marilyn Boyd - October 12, 2014 at 12:39 PM

TS

“ We deeply love Sharon and our hearts go out to Jim and the family. Sharon always maintained a sweet spirit in everything - church member, music leading, secretary, nursing home visitation, bookstore business, friendship. Tabitha was hit very hard with her loss because to this present day, Sharon was such an encourager to her. We so look forward to our reunion with her in the Lord (I Thess. 4:16-17).
Tim & Julie Scott

Tim Scott - October 10, 2014 at 07:56 AM

RH

Tim, Jim had me research via the Internet and locate you on Saturday the day the accident happened he wanted to be the one to notify you and your family. The only number we could find for you was your church office. He left you a voice Mail Saturday night on what we thought was your voice mail. We truly we hoping you got it. Please feel free to call me and I would love to be able to get you in contact with him. 417-483-2205

Ryan Huff - October 10, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Sharon Lynne Rice.*



October 09, 2014 at 11:10 AM



“ *Sincerest condolences to Sharon's family and friends. Sharon leaves behind a legacy of joy and vivaciousness that will be sorely missed. A true "playmate", we will carry the melody of her loving and playful spirit in our hearts forever. With much love and aloha from former "BleacherBums"/friends Liz Baclayon and Janet Gordon Palm*

Elizabeth Baclayon - October 09, 2014 at 03:24 AM



“ *She was a very special lady to me and will be surely missed. Sharon and Jim were friends with me and I watched as their children grew up in church. I lost a good friend and God gained an Angel. Blessings to the Family and we will see her again in Heaven.*

*Pastor Mike Farran
Northcott Church
Colony, Ks.*

Pastor Mike Farran - October 08, 2014 at 12:54 PM



“ *I was a classmate of Sharon's at Topeka High. I remember Sharon as always being nice and kind to everyone. My prayers are with all of her family. I know she will be greatly missed!*

Martha Look - October 08, 2014 at 12:21 PM

DE

“ Sharon was a wonderful person and a good friend. She will be missed! Please know your family is in my prayers. She spoke of her grandchildren all the time and it was obvious she loved them very very much. God Bless. - Debra Schommer, NCCC

Debra - October 08, 2014 at 12:01 PM

FF

“ From all of us at Mike Carpino Ford purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Sharon Lynne Rice.



From all of us at Mike Carpino Ford - October 08, 2014 at 10:34 AM

KM

“ Dearest Jim and kids and grandkids, I am in total shock and sadness of the news about Sharon. Topeka fellow parishiner here, Mr. Long, called and told me about Sharon. I have passed the word to your fellow Topeka Parks and Recreation family. We all send our love, concern, prayers and love, always always. Karen Meyer God please give them strength and hold this wonderful family gently in your hand.

karen meyer - October 08, 2014 at 08:49 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to learn of your loss. I was a classmate of Sharon's and a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of sorrow. May she rest in peace.

Darla (Lynch) Jaimez

Darla (Lynch) Jaimez - October 08, 2014 at 07:26 AM

CD

“ *Celia Daniels lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lynne Rice*



Celia Daniels - October 08, 2014 at 01:57 AM



Michelle Bayer

“ *Thinking of you Rice family!! Sending lots of love and a prayers....*

*Love
Brett, Michelle (Robinson), Ariella and
Cayden Bayer*



Michelle Bayer - October 07, 2014 at 03:35 PM

AF

“ *And our families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon Lynne Rice.*



And our families - October 07, 2014 at 12:18 PM

BB

“ *To Jim and all the Rice family, Larry and I were so saddened to hear of Sharon's passing, she will be missed by so many. I will miss our by chance meetings and her smile and encouraging words. I always felt better after talking to her. Our prayers go out on your behalf to reduce the pain and loneliness of her passing. Love Larry and Betty Bartlett*

Betty Bartlett - October 06, 2014 at 10:22 PM

BF

“ I worked with Sharon at the bookstore for many years. I can honestly say that I have never met a kinder, lovelier woman. She was always there for each one of us. No one could have asked for a better employee than Sharon. Her presence will be missed greatly. Jim and family are in my daily prayers.

Bridget Fairchild - October 06, 2014 at 07:18 PM

JB

“ Judy Bowman lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lynne Rice



Judy Bowman - October 06, 2014 at 04:50 PM