



Marian Virginia Rice

July 3, 1929 - March 23, 2025

Marian Virginia Rice was born in Empire, Ohio on July 3, 1929, to William C. and Lena Rea. She attended East Liverpool High School and graduated in 1947.

In September of 1951 she met a charming young Navy man on a blind date, Lloyd Alvin Rice (Al). It was love at first sight and they were married December 21 that same year in Millington, Tennessee. They shared 52 wonderful years of marriage together.

Marian was a wonderful mother and homemaker and very devoted to her family.

She was a member of the Bolivar United Methodist Church and served on many committees throughout her 55 years of membership. Marian was honored to be a member in the CMH Auxiliary since it began in 1982 and was very proud to serve on their board and the many additions they made for the CMH facilities. She earned the Lillian Hutchison Award for her exemplary service. This meant a lot to her because Lillian was a dear friend. Marian loved having family holiday meals and playing games with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed playing Bridge with her many friends.

Marian is preceded in death by her parents, William C. and Lena Rea; her husband, Lloyd A. Rice; her brother and sisters Donald Rea, Jeanine Cookinham and Nancy Keith; her daughter-in-law Candy Rice; her sons in-law, Emery Davis and Larry Cole.

Marian is survived by her children, Sandy Frieze (Rick), Linda Williamson, Bill Rice, Paula Davis, Donna Cole, and Dennis Weaver. She was also survived by 9 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren with three more on the way.

Funeral services for Marian will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar. A visitation will take place one hour prior to the service, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Memorial contributions can be made to CMH Auxiliary or to Open Hearts United Methodist Church of Bolivar.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember Marian as a very sweet lady. She was a joy to be around. I will always value the conversations we had while reminiscing about life in the military and experiences and places that we had in common. As I said she was very sweet and a life to be cherished. The world has lost a light that shown brightly. She was a woman of God and I know that she is a blessing in heaven.

John Schneider - March 25, 2025 at 05:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marian Virginia Rice.



March 25, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marian Virginia Rice.

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March 24, 2025 at 08:44 PM

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“ I have fond memories of spending time at Aunt Marian’s every summer. I would play dress up with my cousins and she would be so excited to see what we would come up with. We would walk up the street to visit her friend who had a chicken farm. There were so many family gatherings at her home. What I didn’t understand as a child was how strong she was or how fiercely she loved. I will miss her dearly.



Jill Nesslage - March 24, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Marian Virginia Rice



Judy - March 24, 2025 at 06:44 PM

JU

“ Dear Sandy, Linda, Bill, Paula, and Donna,
We are so deeply sorry at the passing of your mother. She will be dearly missed. She was such a special person, always a light of warmth and strength. Your Mom’s spirit will live on through all of you. We will always cherish the beautiful memories and wonderful times our families spent together.
Our love and prayers, Gail, Judy, Sandra, and Jeff Ritts

Judy - March 24, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marian Virginia Rice.



March 24, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marian Virginia Rice.

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Marian Virginia Rice.



March 24, 2025 at 04:37 PM



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“ Sandy and Linda, I was so sorry to read of the passing on your Mother. Please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

jerald andrews - March 24, 2025 at 12:45 PM