



Shirley Rita Rice

January 24, 1923 - July 15, 2016

Shirley Rita Bourgeois Rice, age 93 of Monroe, GA passed away peacefully on Friday, July 15, 2016. Shirley was born in New Orleans, LA on January 24, 1923. When she was 7 years old, the family moved to the Grant Park area of Atlanta where Shirley and her brothers grew up. At age 17, she married Jack C. Rice also from the Grant Park area. Shirley devoted her life to home and family as she and Jack raised four children to adulthood. In her middle years, she began developing her talents as an artist and won several local awards for oil and acrylic paintings. She excelled at cards, especially Bridge, and was the undisputed family champion at Scrabble. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Jay Bourgeois and Ray Bourgeois and beloved husband, Jack C. Rice, Sr. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Patricia (Rice) and Julian Harwell, daughter and son-in-law, Janice (Rice) and Richard Pankey, son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Patrice Rice and daughter, Jill Rice. She is also survived by grandchildren, Deanna Pankey Fiveash, Wesley Pankey, Jeffrey Pankey and Miriam Hodges as well as sister, Renee Ware of Birmingham, AL and four great-grandchildren. A Private Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be submitted on-line at www.scotward.com. Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, GA 30012, 770-483-7216.

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I hope the words found in the bible at Isaiah 25:8 brings comfort. God promises to "swallow up death forever". No more will we have to suffer heartache for God says he will "wipe away the tears from all faces". Such a joyous time it will be; reunited with our dead loved ones.

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