



## Janice Ellen Rice

March 26, 1942 - May 3, 2020

Janice Ellen Rice, 78, of Owasso, Oklahoma, went home to be with her Savior May 3, 2020, with her family by her side after fighting a courageous battle with ALS. She was born March 26, 1942 in Lockesburg, Arkansas, to the late Autry C. and Hazel M. (Frederick) Bell. Jan later moved to Nashville, Arkansas, where she was reared and educated graduating from Nashville High School in 1960.

While in high school Jan met her late husband Lester D. Rice. They became engaged during her senior year and married October 8, 1960. They lived in many states, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda while Lester served in the United States Navy for more than 20 years, settling after retirement almost 42 years ago in Owasso, Oklahoma. Jan and Lester were married 44 years before Lester passed in February of 2004. Together they raised three strong, independent, and devoted daughters, Pam, Angie, and Michele.

Jan spent most of her working life as a daycare worker at Owasso's First Baptist Church, Margaret Hudson Program, and Little People's Land. Her favorite pastimes were spending time with family, doing Sudoku and crossword puzzles, playing solitaire, watching HGTV, and entertaining her friends from the JOY class at Owasso's Central Baptist Church. She was an active 42-year member of Central Baptist and treasured her friendships built there.

Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include daughters Pam Bennett (Noel), of Collinsville, Oklahoma; Angie Harmon

(Bob), of Owasso Oklahoma; and Michele Wilson (Doug), of Owasso, Oklahoma. Grandchildren who will greatly miss their "Memaw" are Erin Miller, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Lindsey Bennett, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Katie Harmon, of Owasso, Oklahoma; Anna Harmon, of Owasso, Oklahoma; Gabriel Wilson, of Owasso, Oklahoma; and Sadie Wilson, of Owasso, Oklahoma. Great-grandchildren she leaves behind are Connor Martin and Bailey Miller, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Other survivors include her brother and sister-in-law Ronnie and Sandra Bell, of Texarkana, Arkansas. She was predeceased by her husband, parents, and brother Gene Bell.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2020, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. A private family Service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2020, and can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/cbcowasso](http://www.facebook.com/cbcowasso). Final resting place will be at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso, Oklahoma. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Jan's memory to Central Baptist Church food pantry, 9001 North 145th East Avenue, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055, or the Oklahoma ALS Association, P.O. Box 14482, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74159. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso. [www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## LIVE STREAM SERVICE

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Baptist Church - Live Stream  
<http://www.facebook.com/abcowasso>

## Memorial Fund

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

The ALS Association - Oklahoma Chapter  
P.O. Box 14482  
Tulsa, OK 74159

## Memorial Fund

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Baptist Church Pantry Fund  
9001 North 145th East Avenue  
Owasso, OK 74055

# Tribute Wall



“ *Three years later, and I miss you as much as I ever did.*

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**Michele Wilson** - May 04, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ *its been almost two years now and i am at this point in bed just thinking about her she said that we wouldn't recognize each other in heaven and i hope shes wrong about that i love you memaw*

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**Gabe Wilson** - January 20, 2022 at 11:53 PM



“ *She was my grandma I loved her dearly Meemaw I love you - Gabriel wilson*

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**gabriel wilson** - September 22, 2021 at 09:35 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Janice Ellen Rice.*



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May 06, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ *I remember meeting your sweet mom and all the stories you shared! I know you will miss her! Prayers, sweet friend!*

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**Wanda Phillips** - May 06, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janice Ellen Rice.*



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May 06, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Janice and her family were our neighbors many, many years ago when we lived in Ator. Wonderful family, she was such a blessing to everyone who knew her, she was a lady that will always be remembered. Love and prayers to her girls and there families. Beverley Dunaway.*

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**Beverley Dunaway** - May 06, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Ramona and Carl purchased the Blessed Heart for the family of Janice Ellen Rice.*



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**Ramona and Carl** - May 05, 2020 at 04:50 PM