



Virginia B. Rice

October 28, 1916 - February 19, 2013

Virginia B. Rice, age 96, of Mentor for the past 58 years, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013, at home with her family by her side. She was born Oct. 28, 1916, in Arlington, Va.

Mrs. Rice was a homemaker. Grandma Rice's home was always open and her love and acceptance was there for the taking. She was known for her pies. In younger days she was an exceptional seamstress and made beautiful crocheted items. She also had a love of gardening and reading.

Survivors include her children, Katie Pittsenberger, John H. "Pete" Rice Jr., William Thomas (Barbara) Rice of California, Lawrence (Carolyn) Rice and Joseph (Patsy) Rice; 17 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, John and Tom Hallbauer whom she and her husband raised, and Bruce Keating who spent summers with their family. Preceding Virginia in death was her husband, John H. Rice Sr.; and great-grandson, Eugene Pittsenberger.

The funeral service will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday February 23, 2013 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor. Her grandson, Michael Rice, will officiate. The family will receive friends Saturday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery in Mentor.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110-2602.

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