



Eleanor J Rice

April 8, 1923 - August 27, 2016

Eleanor J. (Astor) Rice passed away on Aug 27, 2016 with her son and daughter by her side.

Eleanor was born April 8, 1923 to Raymond and Anna (Theesfelt) Astor in Arlington, Iowa.

Eleanor and her twin sister were baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Arlington, Iowa and also graduated from Arlington High School in 1942.

The same year Eleanor and her sister moved to Three Rivers Michigan and worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for 5 years.

In 1941 Eleanor met her love Earl Rice. When Earl returned from World War II in the Pacific Theater, Earl and Eleanor were married on March 4, 1946. They left Iowa the next day to start a new life in Yakima, Washington only to return to Iowa to visit.

While living in Yakima, Eleanor worked for Yakima Medical during that time their oldest daughter Sharon was born in 1948. In 1951 they purchased a farm on Jensen Rd. near Toppenish, WA. There three more children were born, Erla, Patti, and Curtis. Earl and Eleanor lived there 63 yrs. before Earl's passing in Jan. 2008. After moving to Toppenish, Eleanor worked as a bookkeeper for Savin Sandy's for 18 years and Bleyhl Farm Service for 11 years before retiring.

Eleanor was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church. She loved her Lord Jesus and was a great teacher for her children to follow in faith and love of the

Lord. Always telling us to say our prayers and asking, did you go to church. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband Earl in 2008, oldest daughter Sharon in 1971, Erla (Rice) Parrish in 2016 and one infant child. Her parents , twin sister Ellen, sisters Mary, Dorothy, Irene, brothers Bill, Marvin, Walter Astor.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia (Mike) Rowe of Toppenish, son Curtis (Rebecca) Rice of Yakima and son-in law Steve Parrish of Toppenish.

Grandchildren Stephanie (Nick)of Moxee, Sally (Jeff) of Yakima, Sara (Chris)of Zillah, Stuart (Helena) of Toppenish, Michael (Melanie)of Seattle, Derek (Tiffany) of Charleston, South Carolina, Garrett, Astoria, Ian & Eve of Yakima. Great- grandchildren: Bridger, Tristan, Kyler, Kalijah, Kyin, Kaeson, London, Phoenix, Memphis, Jack & Samuel. Brothers, Dr. Gary (Joann) Astor, Jim Astor, sister Maxine (Bill) Bright, sister in-law Sonia Astor and numerous nephews and nieces. Close friends, Shirley Carlson (as she referred to her as a sister) and Ray and Yvonne Kluever.

The Rice family would like to thank the nursing staff at Living Care for the devotion and care in taking care of Mom. She couldn't have been in a better place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation can be sent to Faith Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 169, Toppenish Washington

Funeral services will be at 11AM Saturday September 3, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church in Toppenish with interment to follow at the Zillah City Cemetery. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

City of Zillah

(509) 829-5151

Tribute Wall



“ *Eleanor J Rice*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Eleanor J Rice.*



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