



Hughette Strickland Rice

April 5, 1945 - April 8, 2026

Hughette Strickland Rice, a woman of grace and boundless love for her family, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2026—just three days after celebrating her 81st birthday. Born in Augusta, Georgia, on April 5, 1945, to Mary Alice Currence, Hughette spent her life being the heart of the home and the people she loved.

For 59 beautiful years, Hughette was the cherished wife of Grady Carson Rice of Hephzibah, Georgia. Theirs was a true partnership; Hughette was an integral part of Grady's many businesses, serving by his side in every capacity needed with steady support and a shared vision. She often reminisced fondly of their early years traveling the country together while Grady worked for Texaco—adventures she held dear even after they settled back in Augusta to raise their family.

Honoring her memory are her four children: Wayne Rice (Tabitha), Laura Henning (Randy), Marlene Coates (Tony), and Bryan Rice (Jennifer). To her grandchildren, she was their beloved "Nana." Sarah, Shelby, Ashlyn, Matthew, Bryson, JT (Kristen), and Jaycey Ray (Nathan) were her pride and joy, as were her great-grandchildren, Jax and Rosalie.

Hughette's warmth extended to all creatures, and her home was never truly empty. She was a devoted "mom" to her faithful fur baby, Jack, who remained

her constant and loving companion until the end. She leaves behind a legacy of enduring partnership, quiet strength, and a family who will miss her every day.

Service Information:

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Hughette's life on Tuesday, April 14th, at 3:00 PM at Chance and Hydrick Funeral Home in Augusta, GA.

Graveside services will follow at 4:00 PM at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta, GA, 30906.

www.chanceandhydrick.com

Previous Events

Family and Friends

APR 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Augusta, GA 30906
(706) 790-8567
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Graveside Service

APR 14. 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2700 Deans Bridge Rd.
Augusta, GA 30906

Tribute Wall



“ *Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Hughette Strickland Rice*



Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - April 13 at 02:53 PM

TL

So sorry for the friends and family prayers are with you 🙏

Tom and Lillian - April 13 at 05:49 PM

LS

“ *Mrs. Rice and I had only known each other for a moment. My husband and I grew to love her like we had known her for years she was just that lovable! I was the neighbor in the front, and there were neighbors behind her and beside her and WE TRULY MISS HER! I know GOD OPENED HIS ARMS WIDE and Welcomed her In! Rest Well My Sweet and Loving Neighbor. We will never forget you! ❤️🕊️*

Lisa Stone - April 26 at 12:05 AM

BB

“ *Brian N. Bell purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Hughette Strickland Rice.*



Brian N. Bell - April 14 at 01:54 PM

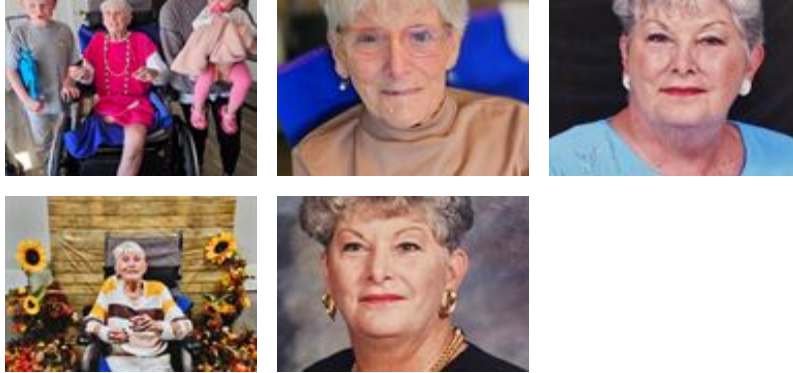
TL

“ Praying for the family and friends 🙏

Tom and Lillian - April 13 at 05:51 PM



“ 26 files added to the album LifeTributes



Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors - April 13 at 02:40 PM

PJ

“ I was so sorry to hear about Huette's passing. She was always really nice to me.
Peggy Martin James

Peggy Martin James - April 12 at 12:01 PM

SR

“ Sharon Paulk, Pruitt Hospice RN purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Hughette Strickland Rice.



Sharon Paulk, Pruitt Hospice RN - April 11 at 12:28 PM

MA

“ 16 files added to the album *Memories of Mom*



Marlene - April 10 at 08:16 PM