



Mary L Rice

September 26, 1925 - September 21, 2016

Mary L. Rice, 90, Coulee City, WA, passed away peacefully Wednesday, September 21, 2016 surrounded by her family.

She was born September 26, 1925 in Colfax, WA to Harry and Betty Little. They later moved to Almira where Mary was a proud graduate of Almira High School. Shortly thereafter, she met her lifetime partner at a dance, Ted Rice, a “country boy” from St. Andrews. They were married on October 15, 1944 in her parent’s home and spent 65 wonderful years together before Ted passed away in 2009.

They raised their two daughters Marcia and Marianne on the family wheat farm.

Mary was devoted to her family. She supported school, church, 4-H and any other activities her daughters volunteered her for and was a willing partner in Ted’s activities. Throughout her life, she was active in the community with the St. Andrews Grange, Coulee City Presbyterian Church, and the Coulee City Senior Center. She and Ted were both active in the local Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES). She served in numerous roles including a State Officer. They enjoyed traveling and cruises throughout the United States with fellow Eastern Star friends. Mary received her 70 year pin from the Evening Star Chapter of the OES, two years ago.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Marcia (Mel) Henkle and Marianne Bechtol. Three grandchildren, Geoff Bechtol, Amy Bechtol and Brett Henkle. One step-grandchild, Nicole Castle; six great grandchildren, Elijah, and

Camryn Ebanes, Evan and Ted Bechtol, Colby and Kali Castle. Her sister Betty McNeil, Sister-in-law Phyllis Rice and one nephew, John McNeil. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Ted.

A service celebrating Mary's life will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Coulee City.

A family burial in Spokane will be held later that day.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Coulee City Senior Center or Coulee City Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are in the care of Nicoles Funeral Home, Ephrata WA.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Memorial Terrace

211 N Government Way
Spokane, WA 99209

Previous Events

Service

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church of Coulee City
214 N 4th St
Coulee City, WA 99115

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary L Rice*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - September 27, 2016 at 10:54 AM