



## Claire Anna Palmer Rice

August 16, 1929 - July 19, 2022

Mrs. Claire Anna Palmer Rice, 92, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at her home in Lexington, NC. and is now at home with the Lord.

Born August 16, 1929 at Washington Hospital in Takoma Park, MD. Claire was the eldest daughter of the late Cleoad Ormon Palmer and Ethelyn MacCloskey Palmer.

Mrs. Rice was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, DC and was a member of Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church in Lexington.

Preceding her in death is her husband of 72 years, Donald Kenneth Rice. They were high school sweethearts. They met in South Anne Arundel County, where their parents owned summer residences at Owings Beach, MD, and they were married on 21 December 1948.

She devoted her life to serving her family, and is greatly missed by her three surviving children; Sharon Rice Wickstrom (Dave) of Lexington, NC, Scott Palmer Rice (Patricia) of Warrenton, VA, Christopher L. Rice (Cindy) of Raleigh, NC, her 15 grandchildren; David, Beth, Lori, Matt, Rebecca, Patrick, Mary Ann, Lisa, Christopher, Philip, Calvin, Heidi, Leigh, Kevin and Nathan, and her 48 great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her two younger sisters, Nancy Propst of Stevensville, MD and Diana Huffstutler (Bibb) of Niceville, FL.

On Friday, August 5, a Graveside Service, for family, at the Salisbury National

Cemetery will be held. There will also be a public memorial service that day at 11:30 AM, to be held at The Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church 1 Grace Way, Lexington, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to lamJ3 Incorporated, "Connecting Foster Children to Community". Their website can be found at <https://lamJ3.org/donate>.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Rice family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church  
1 Grace Way  
Lexington, NC 27295

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Anna Palmer Rice.*



August 02, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Claire Anna Palmer Rice.*



August 02, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Anna Palmer Rice.*



July 31, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sending our love and prayers to your whole family. Aunt Claire was an amazing woman. She was so giving and caring.... and always thinking of others, especially those in her family. Such a beautiful soul who will be missed by all who knew her.*

**Holly Scott** - July 24, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Claire Anna Palmer Rice.*



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July 24, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Chase Burns lit a candle in memory of Claire Anna Palmer Rice*



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**Chase burns** - July 21, 2022 at 05:06 PM