



## Joanne Hammond Rice

February 25, 1933 - February 2, 2021

Joanne Hammond Rice, 87, widow of Rev. James B. Rice, Jr. passed away February 2, 2021.

A native of Athens, GA, daughter of the late Bennie and Irene Paul Hammond, she was a Florist for Ruby's Flowers and a member of El Bethel Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Vicky Groce (Stephen) of Greer; one son, Curtis B. Rice (Marilyn) of Forest City, NC; one sister, Nancy Rice of Cartersville, GA; and one granddaughter, Lauren Groce.

Mrs. Rice was predeceased by four sisters.

A graveside service will be held 11 AM Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Hillcrest Memory Gardens conducted by Rev. Joe Seay.

Visitation will be at the gravesite following the service.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel Baptist Church, 313 Jones Ave, Greer, SC 29650.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Pat Brown lit a candle in memory of Joanne Hammond Rice*



Pat Brown - February 06, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanne Hammond Rice.*



February 05, 2021 at 02:52 PM

DM

“ *I am Carrie Johnston's Mother. I was very saddened to hear of her passing. I would visit Joanne when I would come visit my daughter. I will always have fond memories of visiting with Joanne. My favorite time was when I was visiting for my daughter's graduation and Joanne made coconut cake. It was the best coconut cake, I have ever tasted. She was very talented at cooking at baking. I am very appreciative of how kind she was towards my daughter. I will miss hearing Joanne tell stories of her childhood and youth, but I am glad she carried those stories on to me. She had strong faith in the word and a woman of God, so I know that she is with God in heaven. My condolences to the family. I will be writing a check to the church Joanne attended, in memory of Joanne.*



Donna Miller - February 05, 2021 at 01:52 PM

CM

“ *Carol McIntyre lit a candle in memory of  
Joanne Hammond Rice*



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**Carol McIntyre** - February 05, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CJ

“ I met Joanne, almost 5 years ago in March, as I was a home health-aide. I worked for her for about 6 months before I left that job to finish my degree as a therapist. When it was my last date working for Joanne, she asked me to please stay in contact and gave me her number to call. I will be forever grateful that I did that because over the last 4 years, she has become like a grandmother for me. When I moved here 5 years ago, I had no friends or family close by and I was really homesick. Joanne was my first friend here and she taught me so much about southern culture. She often told me stories of her life and I will cherish those.

Joanne was the kindest person I have ever known or met. She was creative and always determined. I love how she drew, crochet, knitted, arranged flowers, and made jewelry. She was truly an inspiration. I have a photo of the grinch that she drew and a necklace, bracelet, and earring set that she made me...I will forever hold onto those things. I am not sure if Joanne ever knew how much she really meant to me but she was really important to me. She was uplifting and I knew that if I was having a rough day, I could call her and ask how she was doing and she would tell me a story and I would instantly be in a better mood.

I know she is in a better place now and is pain-free and flying high. Her memory will live on forever. My mother Donna Miller and I will be sending a donation to the church listed in memory of her, in Lou of flowers. I know how important church was to her and I think that would be the best way to honor her memory.

My deepest condolences go out to her family; her children. She always told me about them and I know they must be hurting. I know that they do not know me but if they ever need anything, they are free to reach out to me.

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Carrie Johnston - February 04, 2021 at 02:07 PM

CJ

“ *Carrie Johnston lit a candle in memory of Joanne Hammond Rice*



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**Carrie Johnston** - February 04, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JH

“ *Joan Harbin lit a candle in memory of Joanne Hammond Rice*



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**Joan Harbin** - February 04, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JH

“ *Joanne was a special friend for many years so I will miss her and I know you, her family, will miss her, also. May you feel God close to you with comfort and peace at this time.*

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**Joan Harbin** - February 04, 2021 at 12:35 PM

LE

“ *Linda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Joanne Hammond Rice*



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**Linda Edwards** - February 04, 2021 at 11:58 AM