



Nell Rice

September 27, 1927 - September 18, 2024

Nell Martin Rice, 96, died peacefully Wednesday, September 18, at her home in Greenville.

Born in Pickens County, she was the daughter of the late Leonard H. and Jennie Ariail Martin and the wife of the late John Elford Rice.

She was a graduate of Easley High School and attended Lander College. She worked in management for Belk Simpson (where she was affectionately known as "The Iron Lady") for nearly her entire career before retiring in 1992.

Nell was a member of Overbrook Church in Greenville.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia "Patti" Rice Thompson of Greer and a granddaughter, Caroline Thompson of Johns Island, SC.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Col. James Hamilton Martin and Charles Curtis Martin; and son-in-law, Mason Anthony "Tony" Thompson.

In accordance with Nell's wishes, no memorial services will be held. A private burial will take place at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Overbrook Church, 1705 E. North Street, Greenville SC 29607 or to Greenville Humane Society, 305 Airport Road, Greenville SC 29607.

The family would also like to express their sincere gratitude to Nell's in-home caregivers for their loving and professional support.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ *Nell was a treasure. I am so blessed to have been able to know her. You are missed sweet lady!! Love you, Angie*



Angie Laster - October 22, 2024 at 11:34 AM

SC

“ *My mother(Louise McMahan worked with Nell at Belk's . I remember mom talking about her an how nice she was.*

Susan McMahan Cooper - September 29, 2024 at 09:24 PM

SP

“ *I worked for Nell in the late 70's. She always had high expectations of all who worked for her but her good heart was also very visible in things she did and said. May God bring great comfort to her family.*

Sandra Poore - September 24, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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“ *May you find comfort in the Lord's loving em*

*Patti and Caroline,
May you find comfort in the Lord's loving embrace
during this difficult time of mourning the loss of your mother and
Meme. You will be in our thoughts and prayer's.
We love you,
Bob and Linda Mangum*

Linda Mangum - September 23, 2024 at 06:23 PM

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“ *Every time I saw Ms. Nell she always had a smile on her face and
was so very friendly. We joked about our name as there aren't too
many "Nell's" around. It was a blessing getting to see her and her
precious pup.*

Nell Dodson - September 23, 2024 at 06:44 AM