



YVONNE RICE

October 2, 1923 - February 21, 2014

Obituary of YVONNE RICE

Mrs. Yvonne E. Rice, 90, of Umatilla passed away Friday, February 21, 2014. She was born at Ozone, Tennessee on October 2, 1923. A graduate of Cumberland County High School and teacher preparation at Carson-Newman College, she taught at Cumberland Homesteads Elementary for two years before moving to Lake County, Florida. In 1944, Yvonne married Augustus M. Rice. In 1949 they moved to the Umatilla area where she has lived since. She earned her BAE degree at the University of Florida in 1965, and taught at Umatilla Elementary for 25 years. Since her retirement in 1990 she has been active in nature and conservation organizations, Lake County Conservation Council, Audubon, The PEAR Association, Trout Lake Nature Center, the Beautyberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Florida Wildlife Federation, Defenders of the Environment and the Nature Conservancy. A member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, she has served as president of Rho Chapter, Director of District IV, president of Mu State (Florida), as Mu State parliamentarian for 10 years and as a member of 3 international committees. While teaching she served as president of the Lake County Education Association, chairman of the Lake Association of Media Specialists and president of the Lake County Reading Association. Yvonne's hobbies included conchology, edible wild plants, birding and native plant identification. She gave many workshops and programs on all the above. She

is survived by loving nieces and nephews in Tennessee.

Services

There will be no local services. Her ashes will be interred at the Ozone Cemetery, Ozone, Tennessee.

In lieu of

Those wishing to do so may send memorial contributions to the Trout Lake Nature Center, Inc. Endowment Fund, P. O. Box 641, Eustis, Florida 32727-0641.

Tribute Wall

MS

“*Mrs. Rice inspired my love of reading. She would always put aside books for me. Truly a great librarian.*”

Mary Schmidt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“*Yvonne was a friend and mentor to me in DKG starting with my service as a district director. Even as she was unable to attend state meetings, she wrote notes of encouragement. She will be missed.*”

Ruth Pridgen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

OH

“*Delta Kappa Gamma has lost a mentor and dear sister with the passing of Yvonne. She leaves a rich legacy of the children's lives touched through her teaching and leadership in many varied organizations. I cherish her memory.*”

Ora Jean Henry - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“*She was a wonderful teacher at UES and loved the students. She will be miss.*”

Joy Wood - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“*A legend has passed. I allayed loved Yvonne.*”

Bobbye Tracer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Yvonne was a remarkable person. I enjoyed our friendship over the years. We will miss her in Delta Kappa Gamma. Her legacy as an educator, leader and friend will live on in the hearts, minds and lives of our members.

Beverly Helms - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Yvonne was a dear friend and wonderful Delta Kappa Gamma Society sister. I shall miss her dearly. She was such a beautiful and loving person.

Carol Ann Casey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ You helped me in many ways .i will miss you always . Your spirit in the wild fields will last forever.

Elizabeth Betsy Reed - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ My heart is so saddened to learn of the death of this remarkable woman. I guess I thought she would live forever. She was Mu State Delta Kappa Gamma Society International state President the biennium immediately preceding my biennium. She left a wonderful legacy for all educators to follow. She will be remembered for her strength of purpose, her strong values and her love of nature. I will miss her terribly.

Eddie Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Yvonne has always been very special to me and to DKG. She had a wonderful sense of humor and I am so grateful that she was a DKG sister. She will be missed.

Barbara Van Diepen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Yvonne's passing. Although her health has prevented active participation in DKG recent years, her dedication to the Society will be remembered. RIP, sister.

Donna Heald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mrs. Rice was an exceptional teacher and an inspiration to many generations of Umatilla students and citizens of Lake County. Her intelligence, compassion, and enthusiasm for life and the preservation of our planet will live on in everyone who was fortunate to know her. Here's to a life well-lived.

Doug Collins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Yvonne was so special to those of us on the front lines of environmental action back in the 90's. She loved her place on Peanut Pond and was a good steward of the land. She loved her community.

Rhonda Gerber - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Yvonne was a wonderful woman who was very knowledgeable and dedicated to all natural areas, especially in Florida. She will be greatly missed.

Mary Remer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *I Pray that God gives your family a special peace during and after this time. There was no greater librarian than you were you helped us children to learn how to read.. You will be greatly missed...*

Gwendolyn Lovett - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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