



## Emma Evelyn Rice

April 14, 1932 - May 2, 2017

Emma Evelyn “Spurgeon” Rice, 85, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at St. Luke’s Nursing Center. Evelyn was born April 14, 1932 in Carthage, Missouri to Ross Spurgeon and Hester May “Harrill” Spurgeon. Evelyn was a homemaker. She moved to California in June 1957 and returned to Carthage in December 1994.

Evelyn was united in marriage to Floyd Melvin Rice on December 23, 1948 in Kansas City, Missouri. He preceded her in death on December 20, 2013.

Evelyn is survived by three sons: Joe Rice and wife Jerri of Carthage, James Rice and wife Carolyn of Hawthorn, California and William Rice and wife Monica of Golden City, Missouri, two daughters: Debra Ann Rice of Carthage and Diana Bjorklund and husband Richard of Joplin, one sister Julie Isaac of Austin, Texas, 12 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Evelyn was preceded in death by one grandson Charles Everett Rice, three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, May 5, 2017 at Ulmer Funeral Home. Burial will be at Paradise Cemetery in Jasper. Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.



# Cemetery Details

## Paradise Cemetery

Jasper, MO

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
1208 S. Garrison  
Carthage, MO 64836  
(417) 358-2222  
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<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *California Healthy was purchased for the family of Emma Evelyn Rice.*



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“ *Aunt Evelyn had an impish smile and a wonderful sense of humor....she was a very special lady and will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her...our most heartfelt condolences to Bill, Joe, Debbie, Diane and Jim and the myriad of grandchildren....may she now Rest In Peace....and may all of us know that she has joined a very special man...Uncle Floyd...*

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