



Sarah Emma Lee Rice

November 22, 1921 - January 25, 2008

Sarah Emma Lee Cook Rice, age 86, of Fort Payne, passed away January 25, 2008, at Collinsville Health Care and Rehab. Mrs. Rice was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She worked for many years as clerk and bookkeeper at Fort Payne Drug Company in downtown Fort Payne. Following retirement she enjoyed working several tax seasons in the office of Probate Judge Paul Thomas. Mrs. Rice loved reading, traveling, gardening, and cooking, but her greatest love was for her family. Mrs. Rice was a member of First United Methodist Church, Fort Payne, where she was active in the Apharine Driskell Sunday School Class and the Christian Fellowship Subgroup. Mrs. Rice is survived by her children, Joyce and Barry Norton, and Martha and Larry Banks, all of Fort Payne; grandchildren, Eric and Susan Norton, Wallingford, Pennsylvania; John and Jana Norton, Fredericksburg, Virginia; and Emily and Cannon Sommerville, Magnolia Springs, Alabama; as well as great-grandchildren Amy, Katie, CJ, Ashley, Meghan, and Sarah Timmons; sisters-in-law Margaret Thurman, Rilla Hixon, and Kathleen Rice, special cousin Glenna Fischer, and a host of beloved nieces and nephews. Mrs. Rice was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Timmons Rice, Jr.; parents, William David and Martha Minttie Cook; and her ten brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Regain Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, Fort Payne, or the United Methodist Children's

Home, P.O. Box 830, Selma, Alabama 36702

Tribute Wall



“ *Sarah Emma Lee Rice*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mrs. Martha Banks was my high school and college English teacher. My heartfelt condolences go out to her and her family. Sincerely Jeffrey Phillips Class of 1988*

Jeffrey Phillips - February 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM