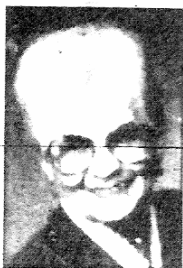


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## Margaret Rice

Margaret Rice, age 69, of Fairfield, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 17, 1998, after a long battle with cancer. Her last wish was granted, and that was to die peacefully at home under the loving, tender care of her devoted husband, Bill.

Margaret's soft-spoken way only enhanced the gentle spirit within her. Everyone who knew her talked of how she touched their lives with her wisdom, strength and determination to fight this cancer. She was truly an inspiration to all.

A devoted, loving mother, she not only leaves her husband of 35 years, Virgil (Bill) Rice, but leaves six children, daughter, Judy Ray; daughter, Sharon (Rice) Simmons and her husband, Arthur; daughter, Debbie (Rice) Rowland and her husband, Mike; son, Jack Farmer and his wife, Tonja; son, Rick Farmer and his wife, Becky; and a son, Rob Farmer. She also leaves devoted sister-in-law, Irene Sexton and her husband, Frank; sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her immediate family, she leaves her church family that had become so important to her. Their love, support and spiritual guidance was an added source of comfort and strength during her illness.

She faced each day with an attitude depicted in a picture hanging on her bedroom wall, which reads, "Help me believe in what I could be and all that I am. Show me the stairway to climb. Lord, for my sake, teach me to take one day at a time."

She will be truly missed by all who loved her.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 20, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at The Fairfield West Baptist Church, with Pastor Mike Botts, officiating. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 11:00 a.m. until time of service. Contributions may be made to The Fairfield West Baptist Church, 5345 Muskopf Road, Fairfield, Ohio 45014. Arrangements made by Avance Funeral Home.

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