



## Mrs. Norma Jean Rice

September 15, 1947 - August 3, 2015

Norma Jean Rice

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“One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.”

Psalm 27:4

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Norma Jean Rice, daughter of the late Reverend Julius Reeves and the late Catherine Makle Reeves, was born Monday, September 15, 1947, in Middletown, PA.

Educated in the Middletown Area School District, she graduated from the Middletown Area High School where she was its first Black cheerleader. Norma retired from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry. As a member of Grace and Mercy Church and Ministries, Middletown, Norma assisted wherever and whenever needed. Her civic and community affiliations included Daughter Ruler at Dauphin Temple #227, IBPOE of W, Middletown; Keystone Council, IBPOE of W; transferred to Cyrenus Temple #75, Steelton; and was Past State President of IBPOE of W. Additionally, she served as President of the Women’s Auxiliary of American Legion #594 and as a volunteer with the American Red Cross, Middletown. Norma enjoyed a good game of baseball and a challenging game of bingo. At sixty-seven years of age, on Monday, August 3, 2015, Norma fell asleep in

the Lord joining in eternal life her parents and five siblings, Julius Reeves Jr., Chester Reeves, Ernest Reeves, Estella Fultz and Catherine White.

Norma leaves to cherish many endearing memories her loving and devoted family: husband, Kenneth Rice of Middletown; stepmother, Flora Mae Reeves of Middletown; one son, Kevin Cobb and his wife Tammeron of Hummelstown, PA; one stepson, Kirk May Rice of York, PA; one sister, Barbara Wilson of Washington, DC; three brothers, David Reeves of Harrisburg, Vance Reeves and Lawrence Reeves, both of Middletown; two grandsons, Antwuan Law-Cobb and Joshua Headen, both of Harrisburg; one granddaughter, Kacie Cobb of Hummelstown; two step-grandsons, Chase May and Braxton May, both of York; a special and devoted friend, Joyce Ann Spivey of Harrisburg; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Giving God all Glory, Honor and Praise, Submitted by Norma's Family

Mrs. Rice's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Tuesday, August 11th, at Living Water Community Church, 206 Oakleigh Avenue, Harrisburg, 17111; with viewing from 9 to 11 a.m. Interment will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Memorial gifts in Mrs. Rice's name may be made to the Central PA Ataxia Support Group, c/o National Ataxia Foundation, 2600 Fernbrook Ln N Ste 119, Minneapolis, MN 55447-4752.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Norma, I Remember our dances at past reunions. Save one for me when we meet again.*

*Your everlasting friend  
John Rusty Ferrell  
class of 65*

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**John Rusty Ferrell** - September 08, 2015 at 08:11 AM

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“ *From the Groves & Schley Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mrs. Norma Jean Rice.*



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**From the Groves & Schley Family** - August 09, 2015 at 08:59 PM

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“ *Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to the family during this time of grief. We know that you will miss Norma; but, know that she is in a better place, ..free from all sickness and sorrow and pain. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her. With deepest condolences,  
The family of Robert Groves and Mother Schley*

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**Robert Groves** - August 09, 2015 at 07:24 PM

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“ Dear Family of Norma Jean Rice,

*On behalf of the Central PA Ataxia Support Group, please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of your loved one. May she rest in peace and may you have the strength and peace from the wonderful memories that you shared together.*

*Sincerely,*

*Christina Rakshys  
Co-Leader  
cpa.ataxia@rcn.com*

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**Christina** - August 06, 2015 at 10:34 AM