



## Ms. Juanita Miller Rice

January 30, 1929 - August 31, 2020

A funeral service for Ms. Juanita Miller Rice, 91 of Oxford, will be on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church of Oxford. Pastor Buddy Nelson and Pastor Justin Nelson will be officiating. A burial will follow the service at Oxford Memorial Gardens.

Ms. Rice passed away on August 31, 2020.

She is survived by her sons, Bruce Rice (Renee) and Dwight Rice; grandchildren, Cheyenne Rice, Marilyn Burke, Brigitte Ashley (Brian); great grandchildren, Kyla Grace Burke, Kinsley Burke, Banks Ashley, Jackson Ashley, and Evey James Ashley; sister, Wynelle McGraw; sister in law, Wilma Miller, and a host of extended family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ista Lee Miller and Glarcus Cager Miller and her brothers, Billy Miller (Mary Ann), Bobby Miller (Mona Sue), and Jerry Miller.

Ms. Rice was an educator for over 40 years. She was the librarian at Oxford High School for 30 years. She also served as a junior high girls basketball coach.

She was a member of the Pilot Club and the Eastern Star where she served

as a Worthy Matron multiple times.

Ms. Rice was an active and longtime member of First Baptist Church of Oxford and was active in her Sunday School class.

Ms. Rice was proud to be from Oxford and rarely missed a performance at the Oxford Performing Arts Center. She loved her family dearly and cared for her friends, students and community.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to First Baptist Church of Oxford in her name.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Oxford  
95 East Oak St  
Oxford, AL 36203

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ So many fond memories. She was my English Teacher in Junior High School, but more importantly she was my Sunday School Teacher at Good Hope Baptist Church in Delta, Alabama. A very gracious Lady in every respect.

*Billy Floyd Sprayberry*

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**BILL Sprayberry** - September 03, 2020 at 11:42 AM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. Have known Mrs. Rice-well as long as I can remember...& Renee since we were in the nursery at church as babies together. Our love & prayers are with you all.



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**Carol & Jimmy Stewart** - September 01, 2020 at 07:11 PM

CC

“ Mrs. Rice was always so nice to me and supported me as a librarian. We ran into her at the University of Alabama's graduation in 1997. We all laughed about seeing each other in that huge crowd of people. I know you will miss her. Cathy Johnson Cospers

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**Cathy Johnson Cospers** - September 01, 2020 at 05:45 PM

MK

“ Bruce and Dwight, so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. What a precious and sweet lady she was. I can see her now in the library at OHS and reminding me to be quiet. Praying for all of you during this difficult time!

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**Mike Kelley** - September 01, 2020 at 05:37 PM

JB

“ Sorry to hear of your loss of your mother. I first remember her from going to Goodhope Delta Church in May and over the the years. Praying for the families, may you remember the Happy Memories of her as years pass. Love to all.

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**Judy Miller Brown** - September 01, 2020 at 05:03 PM

DG

“ Bruce and Dwight, I am so sorry to hear the news about your mom. What a precious special lady, and I know you will miss her. Know that I am praying for peace and comfort for you and your family. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

*David Gilmore*

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**David Gilmore** - September 01, 2020 at 04:52 PM

RC

“ So sorry for Bruce and Dewite,,,,,and the whole family,, your mother was a fixture to school and Oxford,,,,,,great women,,, friend to all

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**Rick Character** - September 01, 2020 at 04:50 PM

JG

“ Hey Boys! My heart aches all the way to Texas! She always treated me like I was one of hers, and I felt that way also. I will be with you in spirit during that service, although unable to be there. My prayers are for strength and courage during this time for you and your family. I will cherish childhood memories, no, lifelong memories of our friendship and my relationship with your Mother. I know she has well deserved peace and rest!!  
Belss you Bruce and Dwight!

Jack

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**Jack Goggans** - September 01, 2020 at 04:39 PM

JC

“ Bruce & Dwight, I am so very sorry for the loss of your mother. She was my mentor in high school. I took a liking to the library when everyone else thought it was nerdy. lol I learned so much from this fine lady while at OHS. I kept in contact with her for years after graduation and every time I saw her she knew immediately who I was and we always tried to keep up with each other. Loosing a parent is extremely hard as I have recently lost both of mine. My prayers are with you thru this trying time. Jeanie HAWKINS Childs

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**Jeanie Childs** - September 01, 2020 at 03:56 PM