



Mattie Rice

May 13, 1932 - September 6, 2021

Mattie Mae Gayle Bouyer Rice was born on May 13, 1932 in Atmore, Alabama to Annie Lee Gayle and Wiley Richard Gayle. She was welcomed into her heavenly home on September 6, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, one sister, two sons, and one grandson.

Her educational background included: 1949 Graduate of Dunbar High School, Bessemer Alabama; 1956 Graduate of Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama (B.S. Degree, Major: Home Economics, Minor: Social Science). Mrs. Rice relocated to Toledo where she was initially employed as a dietician at Toledo Hospital.

Answering the call to become an educator in 1970, she attended Toledo University where she completed courses for her Teacher's Certification and a Master's Degree Status for Vocational Education. This afforded her the opportunity to begin her illustrious career in the area of education with the Toledo Public School System.

A renowned retired educator from the Toledo Board of Education where she received several honors: Vocational Education Teacher of the year 1982, co-organizer of the first two African American clubs in the Toledo School System, and one of the first African American Instructors to write the curriculum and teach "Black History."

Mrs. Rice was a faithful and devoted member of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church and later United Missionary Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. She enjoyed not just reading but studying the Word of God. A very loving person who always ended her phone calls with one of the following: "I love you baby." or "Love you, love you, love you." The latter was an expression of love regarding the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory her children Sherry (Rev. Fleming) Thompson, Jr., Wanda (Barry) Thomas, Victor (Shenel) Bouyer, Shawn (Brandy) Bouyer, and Lisa Rice, her loving siblings, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation: 10:00-11:00 am, September 13, 2021, at United Missionary Baptist Church, 2705 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio (Reverend Robert G. Bass-Pastor). Funeral service will follow at 11:00 am.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Fund.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Previous Events

Wake

SEP 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

United Missionary Baptist Church
2705 Monroe Street
Toledo, OH 43606

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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2705 Monroe Street
Toledo, OH 43606

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mattie Bouyer-Rice was one of the sweetest and stylish woman I've ever met.*

*God bless her entire family. Nothing but fond memories...
love, Teresa Harvey-Allison*

Teresa Havey-Allison - September 16, 2021 at 01:47 PM

GB

Mrs. Mattie Bouyer-Rice (Mrs. Bouyer) as I knew was one of the nicest, caring and well dressed teachers at Macomber-Whitney. sending my condolence to Wanda and extended family and praying God will strenghthen, comfort and give you peace during this difficult time

Gwen Beach - September 19, 2021 at 10:57 PM

ME

“ *Encouraging Thoughts and Prayers are being sent to Bouyer, Rice Family and Friends (Palmwood - Smead - Detroit Ave. Village). May Almighty God, the GOD of all Comfort continue to grant you his Tender Mercies, Peace and Confort during this time and forever!*

Marc (Marr) Edwards, Charlotte, NC (M-W Class of 79)

Marc (Marr) Edwards - September 14, 2021 at 08:02 AM

BF

“ *With love from a family who loves Mattie and who shared many cherished moments with her. Dorsey, Tense, Mansfield, Brenda and Bridgett*

Brenda W. Frazier - September 13, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mattie Rice.*



September 12, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *THE SYMMONDS FAMILY purchased the Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate for the family of Mattie Rice.*



THE SYMMONDS FAMILY - September 12, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mattie Rice.*



September 12, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Jewel Strahan lit a candle in memory of Mattie Rice*



Jewel Strahan - September 11, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mattie Rice.*



September 11, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *I knew as Mrs. Bouyer and she was my Commercial Foods instructor. She was a class act and I never saw her lose her temper. Learned so much from her and continue to use some of the cooking skills she taught us. Rest In Peace and may God welcome you home.*

*Robert A. Ebright, Sr.
Whitney High School 1970 Graduate*

Robert Ebright - September 10, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord I am going miss my friend & Co-Worker Love Gwendolyn E.March Jones and Family*

Gwendolyn E.March Jones - September 10, 2021 at 05:56 PM