



Elsie L. Rice

October 24, 1928 - September 2, 2017

Elsie Louise Rice, 88, of Lehigh Acres, Florida passed away peacefully September 2, 2017. She was born October 24, 1928, and preceded in death by her husband, Donald H. Rice, April 3, 1987. They were active residents of Harvard, Illinois most of their lives. She was the second youngest of nine children born to Edmund Samuel and Hazel Opel Bentley.

Survivors include three children: Connie (Terry) Welke of Ramona, CA, Kristy (Rod) Sytsma of Poulsbo, WA and Don Rice II of Lehigh Acres, FL; four grandchildren Brad Welke, Brent Welke, Regan Sytsma and Brandon Sytsma; 9 great grandchildren Payton, Paige & Wade Welke, Eli, Alyssa & Xavier Welke, Zack, Peyton & Matt Sytsma. She is also survived by one sister, Iva Braun; three sisters-in-law; cousins and many nieces and nephews.

Elsie was a farm girl in her youth, graduated from Harvard High School and married Don Rice November 2, 1946. They were married 41 years. Her greatest joy was her family. Although she worked outside the home, her primary responsibility and joy was as a homemaker. She was happiest when cooking, baking or interacting with her grandchildren. The kids always found cookies in her cookie jar. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall



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