



## Jo Anne Rice

July 18, 1948 - January 2, 2022

Jo Anne Rice, 73 of Lexington, NC passed away on Sunday, January 2, 2022. She was born in Danville, VA on July 18, 1948, daughter of the late John David Rice and Elva Elizabeth Rice. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her godson Brandon Clontz.

Jo Anne was raised in Caswell County, NC and graduated from Bartlett Yancey High School. She resided in Greensboro, NC and was employed at Cone Mills as a Standard Engineer/Supervisor, retiring with 35 years of service. She also managed The Vacuum Center providing services where she enjoyed hands on work.

Jo Anne was known for her exceptional work ethic, decision making capabilities and had a servant's heart which led her to selflessly care for others. She was an avid supporter and member of the board at the Humane Society of Davidson County where she enjoyed spending time with friends sharing the same mission. She loved her family and friends whole-heartedly.

Jo Anne is survived in death by her lifelong friend Shelia Everhart of Lexington, NC; godsons, Daniel Clontz (Lesley) and Xander Clontz of Lexington, NC; brothers, David Ray Rice (Diane) of Blairs, VA and James Allen Rice (Debra) of Providence, NC; sister, Brenda Rice Thompson of Providence, NC; devoted nephew, James Scott Rice (Teresa) of Danville, VA;

Derrick Thompson (Allie) of Chesapeake, VA; niece, Dana Thompson (Robert) of Eden, NC; nephew, John Thomas Lovelace of Providence, NC; great-nephews, Jason Rice and Cody Rice of Danville, VA, Robert Phelps, Jr. of Eden, NC; great-niece; Lauren Hernandez of Eden, NC; her beloved pet Callie; and many close friends. She will be forever missed by all while she rejoices with her Lord and savior.

A Graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 15 at 2:00 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church in Pelham, NC with Pastor Butch Robinson officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Humane Society Davidson County, P.O. box 1791, Lexington, NC 27293.

Wrenn-Yeatts Yanceyville is respectfully serving the Rice family.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery

6258 Park Springs Road  
Pelham, NC 27311

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LT

“ I remember visiting JoAnne with my Mom Marie. She was my cousin, Always nice. May you rest in Peace. Sending Love and Prayers to our family.



Lisa Pressley Taylor - January 15, 2022 at 10:43 PM

CH

“ My husband and I were saddened to learn about Jo Anne's passing. We met her and Shelia through HSDC, she was a very caring soul, and always made you laugh. Our prayers are with her family and friends. Jason and Christy George

Christy - January 15, 2022 at 10:07 AM

SM

“ Stan&Ann McMillan lit a candle in memory of Jo Anne Rice



Stan&Ann McMillan - January 14, 2022 at 07:23 AM

SM

Praying for all. Scott, Teresa, Jason & Cody we are so sorry for your loss. May you find peace and strength during this most difficult time.

Stan & Ann McMillan - January 14, 2022 at 07:30 AM

RP

*Joan was the sweetest cousin I knew, She was so kind, and helped other especially her family, She was very special to Me  
Rachel EAton Pye Chas SC*

Rachel Pye - January 14, 2022 at 07:03 PM

DR

“ *Dianne Haynes Routh lit a candle in memory of Jo Anne Rice*



Dianne Haynes Routh - January 14, 2022 at 06:22 AM

DR

*I worked for Jo Ann at Cone Mills for several years. I worked on other projects with her also. May she Rest in Peace.*

Dianne Haynes Routh - January 14, 2022 at 06:27 AM

JM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! Jo Ann was a wonderful lady! She had such a beautiful soul! Everyone who met her was blessed including the animals she helped thru the Humane Society! She will be missed!*

Joy Marcantel - January 13, 2022 at 01:27 PM

MD

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Jo Anne at Cone Mills. She was a friend and mentor and I have remembered her fondly all these years. May you find peace and strength during this most difficult time.*

Michelle Dove - January 13, 2022 at 08:48 AM



“ *Deborah Smith lit a candle in memory of Jo Anne Rice*



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**Deborah Smith** - January 12, 2022 at 10:05 PM



“ *So very Sorry for your Loss ,My thoughts and Prayers are with the Rice family at this time of need ! Sincerely Debbie Smith and Family* 💕



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**Deborah Smith** - January 12, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Working with her at the Humane Society was great had a lot of laughs and some hard working days she will be missed.*



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**Teresa Smith** - January 12, 2022 at 08:29 PM



*Jo Anne was a special neighbor I always enjoyed talking to her. She was always busy mowing, picking up leaves or something in the yard. She will be dearly missed. until we meet again my friend. R.I. P.*

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**Bob & Lucille Edwards** - January 15, 2022 at 04:52 PM