



Wanda B. Rice

December 20, 1964 - January 3, 2025

Wanda B. Rice transitioned from life to eternal rest on January 3, 2025, with her family and friends by her side.

Born Wanda Faye Butts on December 20, 1964, to the parentage of Ernest U. Butts and Ernestine Butts (Waller) in Milledgeville, Georgia. She received her formative education in the Baldwin County School System. She furthered her education at The University of Georgia, where she graduated in 1986. Wanda retired with 30 plus years of service with AT&T. Wanda joined Shiloh Baptist Church in Milledgeville, Georgia as a teenager. Later in life, she became a member of Hopewell Baptist Church under the toolage of Pastor Veta and Pastor Gerard Sr.. Her church family was very supportive during her extended illness.

Wanda was an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She enjoyed traveling with her friends to various destinations. Wanda was also very crafty. She enjoyed making quilts, wreaths, and other items. In her spare time, she enjoyed baking, shopping, and going to estate sales.

She was preceded in death by her father Ernest U. Butts. Cherished memories will remain in the hearts of her mother Ernestine Butts, of Milledgeville GA; two sisters Angela N. Butts of Stockbridge, GA, Cynthia B. Forney (Haaziq) of Johns Creek, GA, one son Sebastian Yale Rice (Ashlynne)

of Loganville, GA, two grandchildren Kylynne Rice and Kallie Rice, two nephews Myles Forney and Justin Forney, her beloved furbabies Kinko & Kirby and a host of family and friends.

Announcement - The family will be accepting visitors on 1/9/2025 from 5pm-7:30pm the following address:

810 Clubside Court
Monroe, Ga 30655

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Lawrenceville Location
914 Scenic Highway South
Lawrenceville, GA 30045-6353

Homegoing Celebration (Live Streamed)

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hopewell Northeast
2685 Camp Mitchell Rd,
Grayson, GA 30017

Internment

JAN 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

Baldwin Memorial Gardens
2896 N. Columbia Street
Milledgeville, GA

Tribute Wall




JM

“ Wanda. God. Bless you. We love. You. And. Gonna. Ingodscare



Jodie. Mosley - July 15, 2025 at 04:29 PM

VW

“ I am just finding out that you had left for us Wanda you know how I loved you. I know you were sick but I didn't realize how sick we just talked about your birthday you got my card and check and I reach out to just say I'm sorry I hadn't checked on you and your sister said you were gone. Praying for your family. R. I. H. my dear sweet forever friend. I love  you  

Vanessa Ware - February 10, 2025 at 09:30 PM


DE

“ Sebastian and family, so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a beautiful person inside and out. May she be at rest in the arms of the Lord! The Deloaches



Delores - January 26, 2025 at 06:02 PM

LE

“ My deepest condolences to your family and my God provide you peace and comfort during this difficult time 

Liza Evans - January 15, 2025 at 07:04 PM

SJ

“ *Sheila James lit a candle in memory of Wanda B. Rice*



Sheila James - January 13, 2025 at 03:12 PM

VT

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. Wanda will be greatly missed. She was a beautiful person all around.* 🙏🙏🙏



Valerie Reid Thorpe - January 13, 2025 at 12:56 PM

ES

“ *EULA SPIVEY lit a candle in memory of Wanda B. Rice*



EULA SPIVEY - January 13, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KR

“ *Condolences to the family!*



Karen Rhymer - January 13, 2025 at 11:04 AM

KE

“ *My condolences to the entire family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Kim Evans-Gates - January 13, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MB

“ *Wanda grew up in the same neighborhood as I did where everyone knew each other and looked out for one another. I haven't spoken to Wanda in years and was saddened to hear of her passing. Praying for her son, mom and the rest of her family during this difficult time. May the peace of the Lord comfort and strengthen each of you. Andrew & Lillie Mae Bonner, Melissa Y Bonner, Alesa Bonner Simmons.*

Melissa Y Bonner - January 13, 2025 at 10:18 AM

ID

“ *Ivory D. lit a candle in memory of Wanda B. Rice*



Ivory D. - January 13, 2025 at 09:44 AM

NA

“ *Natalie lit a candle in memory of Wanda B. Rice*



Natalie - January 13, 2025 at 09:17 AM

JH

“ *Jacque Harden Huley lit a candle in memory of Wanda B. Rice*



Jacque Harden Huley - January 13, 2025 at 09:03 AM

JH

On behalf of the Baldwin High School Class of 1982, we send our prayers to the family of Wanda Butts Rice (our classmate). So many of your classmates have been sharing fond memories of you from school until now. You reconnected with your class via Facebook and it has been a pleasure to chat with you from time to time. Rest in Paradise classmate. To God Be The Glory!!!

Jacque Harden Huley - January 13, 2025 at 09:07 AM

HR

“ *I did not know Wanda personally, but her sister, Cynthia, and I worked as a nurse for many years. She spoke often of Wanda of good and bad times. I prayed silently for all hearts involved and now I pray for comfort as you lay Wanda to rest.. Here if you need anything 🙏🙏🙏*

Hettie Sloan Ross - January 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM

DJ

“ *This woman was so dear to me. We always loved each other. God bless her soul. I pray that her family be comforted during this difficult time. Wanda was a special person and faithful friend. I'm sure she fought hard. I am so proud to have know her and her struggles and victories. God bless you mother Esrnestine and son Sebastian. Be encouraged 🙏🙏🙏*

Dennis Jordan - January 12, 2025 at 11:28 AM

GB

“ Prayers of comfort & peace for the family, friends, and loved ones of Wanda. 🙏🙏🙏

Glenda Battle

Glenda Battle - January 11, 2025 at 10:33 AM

DJ

God Bless You my ole friend and sister 🙏

Dennis Jordan - January 12, 2025 at 01:42 PM

DQ

“ *It was a pleasure knowing Wanda. For several years, Sebastian and our daughter, Devyn, carpooled to school together, and during that time, Wanda showed what it meant to be an all-in parent. She was a kind, supportive, and loving mother who extended her warmth and generosity to everyone around her. Wanda never hesitated to go the extra mile to help whenever it was needed. Her presence was a blessing, and she will be deeply missed. Our prayers to the family.*

Dennis, Tammie and Devyn Quinn

Dennis Ray Quinn - January 10, 2025 at 07:16 PM

KB

“ *Wanda lived next door to me in Boggs Hall at UGA. She was always kind to me. I know she fought the good fight and I know her fight is over and she is with the Lord, healed and in perfect peace! Rest well, sweet friend!!!*

Kimberly Ryan Bagley - January 10, 2025 at 06:54 PM

SH

My dear friend and classmate... Wanda will be truly missed and loved... My deepest condolences to the family... Sandra Haynes and Family, Milledgeville Georgia.

Sandra Haynes - January 10, 2025 at 02:32 PM

CL

Wanda, you will be missed but I know you are now resting in peace. I will hold the memories of the times we shared close to my heart. I pray God comforts and strengthen your family during this difficult time.

Carla Logan - January 11, 2025 at 08:47 PM

HF

“ Rest in peace, Wanda. You fought a good fight! We can't stop thinking about you. There's been some tough mornings and even tougher nights for all of us. Praying for everyone that loved and cared about you.

Haaziq Forney - January 09, 2025 at 10:27 PM

JM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Wanda at ATT for six years. We sat across from each other for most of those years and became good friends. We were both single mothers of boys so we had a lot in common. We helped each other through tough times and laughed and smiled with each other through our good times. Coming from CT I often would say things maybe not like someone from Georgia would and I always remember Wanda laughing and saying, ‘you’re so crazy’ in her southern accent. We kept in touch when I moved back to CT and spoke often. When I visited ATL we met for lunch. I was with her on her journey with cancer and so happy when we thought it was over.

I will miss her terribly and still go to pick up the phone to call or text her. She was a wonderful, kind, generous and amazing person as well as a true friend.

Till we meet again my friend ❤️

Jacqueline McLean-Morey - January 09, 2025 at 09:59 PM

LO

“ Lorenzo Oliver lit a candle in memory of Wanda B. Rice



Lorenzo Oliver - January 09, 2025 at 11:27 AM

LO

Wanda I am really hurting on the right now. But I know if you were here and I know will say poon I am fine I will be alright. Wanda I will cherish all the memories we had together and ever since you were born into this world. Wanda I can go on and on with the memories on the inside of me but I will end it by saying. You were loved and I am going to miss you talking to you from time to time. You are in God hands now and I know that you are in a better beautiful place in heaven. Love you Wanda uncle Lorenzo!

Lorenzo Oliver - January 09, 2025 at 11:54 AM

TP

“ Gonna miss u Wanda...I loved u like a sister..I will always be here to take care of you mother to the end..Gonna miss your visits, our small talks and laughs..Take your rest

Timika Pearson - January 09, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Wanda B. Rice.



January 09, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wanda B. Rice.

January 09, 2025 at 09:44 AM

KF

“ You'll be missed for your genuine kind and caring nature. May you always rest in peace with God our Lord.

Kristi R. Fultz-Butts - January 09, 2025 at 09:34 AM

AW

“ Wanda was not only a great neighbor but an amazing friend. She was there for all of life’s inevitable ups and downs: JJ’s son dying, UGA games, the excitement and joy of her 1st grand baby, and then another, one of us running out of something (usually me) and chats about all the random and important things. She was a smart and tough woman. She loved her Kinko and Kirby and our pups couldn’t visit with Ms. Wanda & them enough. I’ll miss our waves and chats through the fence. I will miss her saying “child, please!” at my silly comments.

The only thing that brings comfort to our hurting hearts is knowing Wanda’s desire to remain fiercely independent was fulfilled til the end and that she is with the Savior she leaned on and worshiped. RIP friend. Love April and JJ

April Williams - January 09, 2025 at 09:10 AM

PM

“ I can't express enough how much this hurts. Wanda was a remarkable woman. She knew a little bit of everything and did it well. Thank you God for the time we had together just 2 months ago, even tho it was mostly Dr visits, we managed to still have a few laughs. My sincerest sympathy goes to her family and all that loved her.



Rest now my friend ❤️
Pat Monroe

Patricia Monroe - January 08, 2025 at 11:42 PM

RM

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Rhonda Morgan - January 10, 2025 at 05:19 PM

AB

“ We miss you already!!! I pray that you are looking down and pleased with your final arrangements. We will cherish all the memories forever!

Love your sisters,
Angie and Cynt



Angela Butts - January 08, 2025 at 08:56 PM

DS

I thank God that we got a chance to see you before you transitioned over. Such a beautiful spirit here on this earth, and even more so in heaven with the Father. We are going to miss you. R.I.P

Love you,
Aunt Doris

doris sims - January 09, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Wanda B. Rice.



January 08, 2025 at 08:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wanda B. Rice.

January 08, 2025 at 08:30 PM

TG

“ Wanda, my soror, sister, and friend. I miss you already. I know you were tired, but I was not ready to say goodbye. Rest peacefully.



Triba Gary - January 08, 2025 at 06:33 PM

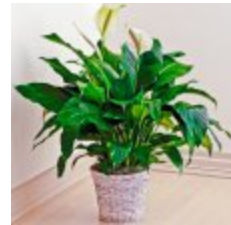
NA

Beautiful.

Natalie - January 13, 2025 at 09:16 AM

EF

“ Emory Hemispheres Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Wanda B. Rice.



Emory Hemispheres Family - January 08, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wanda B. Rice.



January 08, 2025 at 01:29 PM