



## Mary Elaine "Laney" Rice

December 30, 1937 - November 20, 2021

Mary Elaine "Laney" Rice, 83, died at 3:52 p.m. Saturday, November 20, 2021 at her home in Godfrey. Born December 30, 1937 in Bunker Hill, she was the daughter of Edward and Lola (Payne) Zarges. She worked as a payroll clerk for St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton. An avid golfer, she made two holes-in-one. She was also proud to be one of the Marching Flag ladies along with her friends who participated in many local parades. On June 17, 1972 she married John Edward "Jack" Rice in Alton. He preceded her in death on November 15, 2010. Surviving is a daughter, Cindy (Kent) Critchell of Godfrey, a son, Jayson "Jay" (Michelle) Pine of Brenham, TX, three grandchildren, Andrew Duggan, Amanda Schweiker (Rob), and Lydian Pine. Also surviving are two sisters, Betty Bertels of Edwardsville and Ann Zarges of Bunker Hill and her sister-in-law and best friend, Betty Zarges of Bunker Hill. She is also survived by her step-children, Rebecca (Bill) Frey, and Mary June "Jill" (Gary) Bowker, and step-grandchildren, William Frey Jr. (Tina), Carrie-Margaret Hourigan (Patrick), Gary Bowker Jr. (Amanda) and Joseph Bowker and their children. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Zarges and Charlie Zarges, a sister, Dottie Weiseman, and a step-son, John Edward "Jackie" Rice Jr. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans, the Susan G. Komen For the Cure, or the American Lung

Association. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Brighton Cemetery

304 N. Maple  
Brighton, IL 62012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Funeral

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Elaine "Laney" Rice*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Mary Elaine "Laney" Rice*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My foot fashion twin: Aunt Laney and I loved sparkling and fancy shoes, we always had to check each others shoes out. The running joke between my mom and Aunt Lahey was that Cindy should have been mom's daughter (comfy) and Aunt Lane should have been my mom (high heels & sandles/flip flops). Going to miss her Isugh , hugs, kisses and conversations. I will love her forever❤️ Susie*

**Sue (Bertels) Giesecking** - November 23, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elaine "Laney" Rice.*



November 22, 2021 at 02:22 PM

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“ *Cindy and Jay I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Many great memories with this lovely lady. I have a picture on my fridge with her that was taken at the St. Louis Arch in the late 60's. Have not seen her or you in many years but we all spent a lot of time together when we were young! Praying for you all! Debbie (Garner) Simmons*

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**Debbie (Garner) Simmons** - November 22, 2021 at 12:26 PM

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“ *Bill &Stacey, Beth&Frank, Bobby&Michelle purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary Elaine "Laney" Rice.*



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**Bill &Stacey, Beth&Frank, Bobby&Michelle** - November 22, 2021 at 12:14 PM