



Julie A. Matherlee Rice

March 21, 1955 - June 29, 2025

Julie A. Matherlee Rice, 70, of Kell, passed away Sunday, June 29, 2025, at her home.

She was born March 21, 1955, in Centralia, Illinois, the daughter of Clifford Hart and Nettie Riley. On November 23, 2012, she married Bruce Rice and he survives.

Julie was graduated from Centralia High School, and was formerly the owner of Little A's Sports Bar, and J's Flamingo Lounge. She loved spending time with her granddaughters, playing poker machines while socializing, and riding her pink-flamed Harley Davidson.

In addition to her husband, Bruce Rice, she is survived by children, David Lashbrook and wife Stacie of Centralia, Larry Wilson and wife Heather of Columbus, Ohio, Sean Wilson of Columbus, Ohio, Kathy Plezia and husband Andy of Sherwood, Arkansas, and son Darren Rice and wife Jennifer of Cabot, Arkansas; grandchildren, Ashlyn Lashbrook, Katie Lashbrook, Kaylee Wilson, Lincoln Wilson, Hope Plezia, Tyler Plezia and wife Ashlan, Jennifer Rice, and Declan Rice; great-grandchild, Andy Plezia; brothers, Leonard Hart and Melvin Hart; sisters, Judy Parkinson and Carol Wreath; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford Hart and Nettie Riley, and a sister, Judy Parkinson, who preceded her in 2024.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation rites for Mrs. Rice have been accorded, and no public services will be held. Online condolences may be

made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Kathy and family. I am so sorry for your loss. No matter what age, losing a mother is earth shattering. We hold you and your family in our prayers. Jim and Dorothy Missler*

Dorothy Missler - July 08, 2025 at 01:40 PM



“ *Mama Julie was one very special lady she always had time to listen and had good advice to give for someone I'm so glad that I got to know her she was One in a million she will be missed terribly but never forgotten I love you Mama rest in peace*

Robin Martoccio - July 06, 2025 at 02:36 AM

LW

“ *The Queen lays at rest, with no more stress.
No more pain, and now with eternal flame.
You are sitting at the right hand side of god
With unconditional love, reunited with your squad.
You are now the strongest you have ever been
Blood in blood out, you're more than just a friend.
You are my mother and I am your son
Reunited one day so we can continue our fun.
I miss you so much and I love you very much. Chick 🐣*

Larry wilson - July 03, 2025 at 02:32 AM

TK

“ Momma we have taken a lot of road trips together. You taught me to stand up for myself. We have laughed til we cried & I treasured the time we spent together. I wish the last few years we could have hung out more. Save me a spot & I will see on the other side. I love you



Terry Kruep - July 02, 2025 at 07:05 PM

MK

“ Julie and I were very close friends. Such a loss. 🥹 My condolences to her family and friends. Hard pill to swallow. RIP my friend U all have my sympathy.



Malinda King-Christian - July 02, 2025 at 04:43 PM

VS

“ Momma Julie you were such an amazing woman and friend. I love you always. My thoughts with the kids and all that loved you. See ya on the other side. And I'll cherish the memories!! (The road trips were epic!!)

Vanessa Schmitz - July 02, 2025 at 04:22 PM

LW

“ I've always loved you
You are, forever, my sister
Rest in peace Sweetie

Laura Elaine Wilson-Lachat - July 01, 2025 at 08:45 PM