



Birder Lee Rice

September 14, 1932 - October 20, 2025

Birder Lee Rice, 93, of Chattanooga, passed away Monday, October 20, 2025, in a local Assisted Living Facility. She was born on September 14, 1932, in Hillsboro, Alabama to the late Mr. Ollie Pickett Sr and Julia Ann Ervin.

Birder accepted Jesus Christ in her life at an early age and united with New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Chattanooga TN under the leadership of Pastor Thomas L. Jones where she served on the Mother and Usher Board of the Church for many years. Since Pastor Jones went to his heavenly home, the Pastor is now Rev Kelvert Y. Scruggs where she continued as a faithful member attending Sunday School as well until her health began to decline. Birder loved to learn about the Lord.

Birder was preceded in death by her late husband, C.L. Rice; daughters, Darlene Rice and Margaret Marie Ballard; brothers, Louis Pickett, Robert Pickett and John Ervin; sister, Sallie Jamar.

A funeral service for Birder will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Burial on Monday, November 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Forest Hills Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

NOV 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1076

Burial

NOV 10. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Forest Hills Cemetery
4016 Tennessee Avenue
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Tribute Wall

EK

“ *Condolences to the family. Our prayers are with you.*

We're family of Eva Pickett, who was the sister of Ollie Pickett, Sr.

Eva Smith Kirby

EVA KIRBY - November 07, 2025 at 03:36 AM

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“ *Doris Rainey lit a candle in memory of Birder Lee Rice*

Doris Rainey - November 03, 2025 at 11:43 AM

DU

“ *Prayers of comfort and peace tot the Rice family.*



David and Angel Ulmer - October 28, 2025 at 10:03 PM

LR

“ *Lorna Rice lit a candle in memory of Birder Lee Rice*



Lorna Rice - October 23, 2025 at 09:49 PM

VH

“ *Vincent Hatten lit a candle in memory of Birder Lee Rice*



Vincent Hatten - October 22, 2025 at 07:28 PM

LD

“ *My sincere condolences to the Rice Family.*



Lora Dawson - October 22, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Sending love and care to the Family may God Hold you close in the Loss of mrs Rice..She was a Strong Lady..who loved God.*



Prophetess Janice Smith (Lonnie) - October 22, 2025 at 02:16 AM

EW

“ *Ericka Williams lit a candle in memory of
Birder Lee Rice*



Ericka Williams - October 21, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CH

“ *Caris Healthcare lit a candle in memory of
Birder Lee Rice*



Caris Healthcare - October 21, 2025 at 09:21 AM

VH

“ *Vincent Hatten lit a candle in memory of
Birder Lee Rice*



Vincent Hatten - October 21, 2025 at 04:08 AM