



Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice

June 30, 1936 - April 23, 2026

Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice, 89, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on April 23, 2026. She was reunited with her husband Bill on their 71st wedding anniversary.

Dolores was born in Kingsford on June 30, 1936, to the late Marco and Angeline (St. Juliana) Massignan.

Dolores graduated from Kingsford High School in 1954 and was a lifelong resident of Kingsford. A year after graduating from high school, on April 23, 1955, Dolores married William J. Rice at American Martyrs Catholic Church. Dolores has left a legacy of faith, family, and hard work.

Dolores's faith was an important part of her life. She was a dedicated member of American Martyrs Parish, and her love for God was seen daily in her willingness to help family and friends. Praying the rosary and solitaire moments of prayer were part of her daily routine.

Dolores was the heart of her family. Together with Bill, they raised four children. Her Italian traditions of cooking and baking always brought family and friends together, one of her greatest joys. A yearly Christmas celebration at the family home will always be a cherished memory. She never missed a

family event and loved being “Nonie” to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dolores loved to read, collect antiques, travel, and cheer for the Packers.

Along with her husband Bill and son Larry, Dolores ran the office of the family business, The Rice Juice Company. Up until her final months, she continued to deliver reports for the business, a testimony to her strong work ethic.

Dolores will be deeply missed by her 4 children, Cathy (Dan Germic) Rice of Iron River, Sally (Jim) Skolasky of Kalamazoo, Larry (Laura) Rice of Kingsford, and Angie (Tom) Bal of De Pere; 8 grandchildren, Brianne (Michael Phillips) Johnson, Luke (Alyssa) Skolasky, Sara (Anthony) Pulcini, Lewis (Angie) Rice, Lee Rice, Lauren Rice, Billie Dee Bal, and Rachel Bal; 6 great-grandchildren, Brexlie Phillips, Everett Skolasky, Theo Pulcini, Revlyn Phillips, Vinny Pulcini, and Rocco Pulcini; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Dolores was preceded in death by two siblings, Ernie (Kathryn) Massignan and Betty (Chuck) Plasters.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Avenue, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on May 4, 2026, followed by a Funeral Mass starting at 12:00 p.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church, 908 W. Sagola Avenue, Kingsford, with Fr. Greg Heikala officiating. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Dolores’s family would like to thank all the caregivers who have assisted in her care over the last six months. Through this journey, she connected with many fabulous healthcare professionals.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dolores C. Rice online at www.ernashfuneralhome.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Cathy, Sally, Larry, & Angie, so sorry to learn of the passing of Auntie Dee. I have so many special memories of time spent together with all of you, Auntie Dee and Uncle Bill. Whether at your home, cottage, family events or on vacation Auntie Dee was warm, welcoming and fun loving! She & Uncle Bill were deeply loved, family treasures. You are on my thoughts and prayers.

Julie Rice - May 04 at 05:02 AM

LE

“ Love Team Ebben purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice.



Love Team Ebben - May 01 at 06:24 PM

BN

“ So the Hoyle family know Sally through our brother, Joe since her husband, Jim and Joe have been friends since high school. What an amazing mother you must have been Mrs. Rice. Raising such a special person. Sally has the most kind heart and always with good intentions, especially through our losses. Our sincere condolences to Sally and the whole family. May God shine upon you and keep you safe and healthy the rest of your days. May Mrs. Rice rest in peace.

Barb (Hoyle) Novak - May 01 at 12:54 PM

YF

“ Your AbbVie family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice.



Your AbbVie family - April 30 at 09:18 PM

YF

“ Your AbbVie family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice.

Your AbbVie family - April 30 at 09:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice.



April 30 at 03:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice.

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JB

“ The best neighbor ever!! ❤️

JULIE BARTHELS - April 29 at 02:14 PM

TK

“ Larry and the Rice family, I'm sorry to see that your mother has passed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless her soul.

Thomas Krueger - April 29 at 11:49 AM

SB

Larry and Laura and family! I'm so sorry for your loss . Losing a parent no matter the age is hard 🙏❤️🙏

Sandy Bloniarz - April 30 at 11:14 PM

TF

“ The Bal Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dolores Cathrine "Dee" Rice.



The Bal Family - April 29 at 11:23 AM