

RUBY CAROLYN (SMITH) RICE OBT.

COOKEVILLE -- Funeral services for Ruby Carolyn Rice, 73, of Smith County, will be held Friday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. from the chapel of Cookeville Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Nash Cemetery.

Family will receive friends today, Thursday, Feb. 12, from 2-9 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home.

Mrs. Rice died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 16, 1935, in Smith County to the late Alfred and Effie Petty Smith.

Mr. Rice was retired from Acme Boot Company where she worked for 27 years. She was a member of Buckner Free Will Baptist Church on Indian Creek Road, where she devoted her talent to the church with her sewing, cooking, flower arranging and many other talents. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to so many. She loved giving to others in ways no one could imagine. Her life revolved around God first and then her family. She loved cooking when the family would get together, which was often. She and her husband made sure the family were all in agreement on family decisions.

Her family includes her husband of 56 years, Yune Earl Rice of Chestnut Mound; a daughter and son-in-law, Gale and Wilber Maxwell of Baxter; a son-in-law, Tommy Thomas of Silver Point; a brother, Buck Smith of Lebanon; four sisters, Dimple Watson of Texas, Catherine Glover and Shirley Petty, both of Buffalo Valley, and Sue Woods of Elmwood; seven grandchildren, Craig Carr and fiancée Cindy Grisham, Cindy Wilmoth and husband Tommy, Joey Herren and wife Sharon, Ginger Flatt and husband Chad, Crystal Walker and husband Jeremy, Niki Maxwell and Kim Whitehair and husband Doug; 10 great-grandchildren; special friend Vera Smith; and special friends from Lazarus House Hospice, Care All Therapy Division and Pals.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Rice was preceded in death by a daughter, Jan Rice Thomas; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dewey and Ola Rice; two brothers, Cecil and Bill Smith; and two sisters, Dorothy Chaffin and Imogene Crook.

Pallbearers will be Mrs. Rice's grandsons.

Bros. Frank Davis, Ed Shaffer and Tommy Pelham will officiate the services.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cookevillefuneralhome.com.

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*See Descendants of Samuel Maxwell at:

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