



# Janice Rice-Littlejohn

March 13, 1958 - April 21, 2020

It is said that a mother is the first teacher; that the bond of life which is shared between a mother and a child is nearly unbreakable. Those lessons of life, the nurturing, care, tenderness and unconditional love that a mother adorns her child with from the moment of conception is something that is divine by nature with the first breath that is taken by a child when it is born and its mother hears the child's first cry. Janice Diane Rice-Littlejohn was born on March 13, 1958 in Lincoln, Nebraska to the late James A. and Beulah R. Rice. Diane grew up in the city of Chesapeake, VA and graduated from Oscar Smith High School in 1976. She went on to study and attain certification as a Medical and Nursing Assistant in 1981 from the Professional Business and Medical Institute in Norfolk, VA and the Chesapeake Vocational Technical Center of Chesapeake, respectively. In 1989, Janice completed the Department of the Navy Information Security Training Program and served diligently as the American Federation of Government Employees Union Office Manager for Local 53 until 2012. She was a lifetime member of Pleasant Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church and served as a church missionary and secretary selflessly until her illness prevented her to do so. On June 18, 1994, Janice married Rickey L. Littlejohn, and remained so until his death in 2015. Diane was also first diagnosed with cancer that same year. She fought a long hard battle with this unconscionable disease until she succumbed to her illness on April 21, 2020. Our mother was one of a kind as all mothers are. She was the most selfless person we have ever seen, a lesson that was taught to her by her mother Beulah and her grandmother Mary-Etta. Love, sincerity in your actions, honesty, and respect; those are the principles that we were taught as children and carry on as adults. Janice is survived by her three sons: Michael Anthony Rice, Lavaughn Demontrail Rice, and Laviere Demont Rice Sr. Daughters in marriage: LaToya Monay Rice, Kalani Michalene Rice. Five Grandchildren: Milani Amari Rice, Kamia Soleil Rice, Kalil Apollo Rice, Alexander Thomas Rice, and Laviere Demont Rice Jr. Siblings, Keesha V. Rice, Myra E. Rice, Tracy L. Rice, (Tonya Y. Rice), Winford K. Rice Sr. and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles. Her extended family and friends consists of an incalculable amount of souls that share in the loss of our beloved mother, sister, daughter, grandmother, nana, auntie, friend, wife and genuinely kind hearted and funny person that was our special one of a kind and uniquely beautiful and phenomenal woman named

Janice Diane Rice-LittleJohn. We love you with all our everything. You are cherished, you are missed. You are loved. You earned your heavenly wings one thousand times over and we will honor your memory in the way we live from this time onward by the example of the life you set before us. Your race is over, rest and rejoice, your reward in heaven is now yours.

Please note that the Funeral Home follows the CDC guidelines, allowing only 10 persons to attend the funeral and only 10 persons at a time in the building for the visitation. The CDC suggests and the Funeral Home requires masks to be worn by all persons who enter the building.

Watch webcast for Janice Rice-Littlejohn:

Please click the link below to view the virtual service -

<http://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com/obituaries/permalink/9482227/LTWebcast>

# Cemetery Details

## Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road  
Suffolk, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

## Service

APR **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JH

*Rest In Heaven*

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**judith Henderson** - April 29, 2020 at 05:38 PM

FT

*Rice Family - I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one! I am here supporting you virtually and sending all of you virtual Hugs!*

*Felicia Townsend, Latoya's manager at Capital One*

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**Felicia Townsend** - April 30, 2020 at 11:55 AM

RG

*Beautiful! The world is gonna miss you Janice. You were so special to so many of us and my heart cries today for you my friend. I love you and I'll see you on the other side. Rest easy warrior!*

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**Roger Griffin** - April 30, 2020 at 01:00 PM

CJ

*Cousin Diane was such a good and faithful servant .I'm deeply deeply sorry and praying for the immediate family and all friends and family.I just want to say to her children what she said to me when I lost my Mama in 2010 and it has uplifted me up help me and stay with me from that day to this one cuz she was the only one one of the only ones that was real her encouraging words of upliftment. Cousin Diane said she could understand and relate to how I felt but to remember this I will never get over it but as I move forward and grow stronger and stronger it will always stay with me the love of your mother that feels like someone has snatch your heart out of your soul. Know this that she is in heaven and you will see her again for eternity in glory you will be able to Rejoice all over again but in a supernatural Everlasting way. My prayers are with you all. God bless you stay with Jesus Christ as you will. I love my family. Love cousin "Celease"*

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**Celease Jones** - April 30, 2020 at 01:35 PM

DT

*My condolences to you and your family!*

*Donielle & Kasey Turner*

**Donielle Turner** - April 30, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RF

*Beautiful ! God bless you all family*

**Rawls Family** - April 30, 2020 at 01:40 PM

VJ

*What a beautiful service for a beautiful person, my heart felt condolences...*

**Vanessa Cooke Johnson** - April 30, 2020 at 04:48 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Baker lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn*



**Phyllis Baker** - June 24, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DH

“ *My condolences to you and your family!*

**Deneece Hall** - May 05, 2020 at 09:19 AM

MM

“ *To the Riddick, Rice-Littlejohn families. We are so sorry for your loss. God's love will sustain you at this time. We will continue praying for you. We love you all.  
The Dorothy Johnson Family*

**Marion Murphy** - April 30, 2020 at 08:53 PM

JR

“ *Justin K. Robinson lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn*



**Justin K. Robinson** - April 30, 2020 at 01:38 PM

VJ

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers, I am deeply saddened and will miss my childhood friend/sister.* ”

**Vanessa Cooke Johnson** - April 30, 2020 at 03:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice Rice-Littlejohn.* ”



April 29, 2020 at 09:26 PM



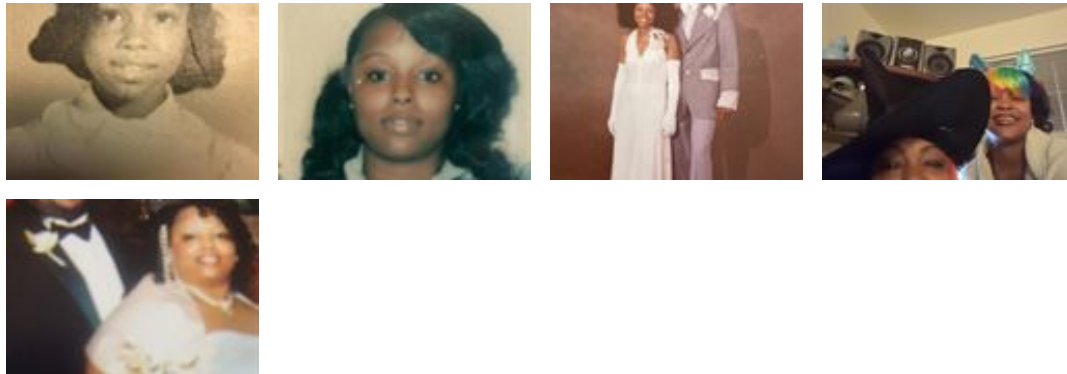
“ *You will truly be missed. Love Kalani, Alex, Kamia, and Kalil.* ”



**Kalani Rice** - April 29, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ *32 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - April 28, 2020 at 03:11 PM

SB

*Praying for Mike And Toya Rice and all his family during this difficult time .*

**Sindee Brooks and Walter Brooks** - April 29, 2020 at 04:34 PM

TB

*Beautiful pictures still doesn't feel real like a dream that won't let me wakeup 🥹🥹🥹*

**Tarry Bright** - April 29, 2020 at 09:45 PM

SD

*May the Peace, Comfort and Strength of Our God be with you now and in the days to come.*

*Minister Suszanne Darden*

Suszanne Darden - April 30, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Janice Rice-Littlejohn.*



April 27, 2020 at 07:35 PM

L&

“ *Alvania Eason & Family. With our deepest sympathy.*



Love Alvania Eason & Family - April 27, 2020 at 03:02 PM

L&

“ *Our hearts is with you in your time of sorrow. Diane will be greatly missed but her smile. kindness and gentle spirit will be remember forever. With our love and deepest sympathy as we cherish. her precious memories.*

Love Alvania Eason & Family - April 27, 2020 at 02:59 PM

AG

“ *Aunt Lillie M. Gray. Much love and sympathy to all my family.*



Aunt Lillie M. Gray - April 27, 2020 at 02:48 PM

AG

“ Love to you and all the family. For God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son...John3:16. Praying for your strength in the Lord.



Aunt Lillie M. Gray - April 27, 2020 at 02:43 PM

TF

“ Diane was an amazing woman and she will truly be missed. With our condolences. Our loving thoughts embrace you during this difficult time.



Thelma Teenie Rawls& Family - April 27, 2020 at 02:34 PM

GM

“ To the Rice family, Diane and I was friends since elementary school. She shared her family with me and I stayed at the house in Chesapeake. Oh my God. Diane passed on the same day as my sister did. On April 21st 1995, I lost my sister and on April 21st 2020, 25 years later I lost my great friend from elementary school. Diane would invite me to come to the church to preach. She believed in my ministry. On April 29th my sister would be turning 67. I am certain that Diane is sharing the love and affection with her husband and her parents. I know that she will be embraced in Heaven because she was a woman of God. A business woman. My heart and eyes are full. I love you all. RIP Diane. Love your friend and sister Glenda P Murray-Kelly,

Glenda MurrayKelly - April 27, 2020 at 02:22 PM

TW

“ We will miss Janice caring and strong spirit. We are praying for the family.

Love,

Doreatha and Timothy

Timothy White - April 26, 2020 at 10:40 PM

TJ

“ Tara Johnson-Porter lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



Tara Johnson-Porter - April 26, 2020 at 06:08 PM

LJ

“ LaVerne Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



LaVerne Johnson - April 26, 2020 at 04:27 PM

MP

“ in CELEBRATION of a cherished loved one. Diane, another one of our/the families loving ,priceless,precious Jewels has the flight from earth to her Heavenly Home in Glory Praying for you your cousin. Margaret M Johnson-Pittman



margaret m pittman - April 25, 2020 at 10:57 PM

GM

Rev. Margaret Pittman, I cannot believe this.

Glenda MurrayKelly - April 27, 2020 at 02:23 PM

JS

“ Joyce G. Smith lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



Joyce G. Smith - April 25, 2020 at 10:29 PM

VP

“ Praying for the Entire Family . Asking God To Walk with You Through This Journey. It's going to be Rough , but remember he always Got Your Back . 🙏🙏🙏



Vicky Porter - April 25, 2020 at 10:02 PM

LH

“ Le'Keita Johnson Hall lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



Le'Keita Johnson Hall - April 25, 2020 at 09:31 PM

LJ

“ Larry D. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



Larry D. Johnson - April 25, 2020 at 09:13 PM

JD

“ Jessica Doxey-Gray lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



Jessica Doxey-Gray - April 25, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Janice Rice-Littlejohn.



April 25, 2020 at 04:07 PM

LJ

“ Dear Cousin,  
You Always Spoke With Kindness And You Were Never  
Hesitant To Lend A Hand  
You're Warm Spirit And Beautiful Smile  
I Will Surely Miss.

Larry D. Johnson



Larry D. Johnson - April 25, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janice  
Rice-Littlejohn.



April 25, 2020 at 11:26 AM

RA

“ Diane you will always be in my heart, such a loving and  
kind person I thank God for letting you be apart of my Life,  
Love Tunkie.



Ruth B Adams - April 25, 2020 at 08:41 AM

RL

“ Throughout our friendship, Janice (Diane) was there to play a part in the fond  
memories we shared throughout our childhood on "Vellines Avenue." She will not  
be forgotten.

My family extend our condolences to the family, and pray you strength, comfort  
and peace.

Rosa (James) Lockhart - April 25, 2020 at 05:09 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice  
Rice-Littlejohn.



April 24, 2020 at 09:56 PM

JC

“ I love you Diane, I will never forget you. We had some of the best times together, gone to soon.

Jeanice Cuffee - April 24, 2020 at 07:20 PM

JC

“ Jeanice Cuffee lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



Jeanice Cuffee - April 24, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Rice-Littlejohn.



April 24, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice Rice-Littlejohn.



April 24, 2020 at 09:15 AM

JG

“ Jean Griffin lit a candle in memory of Janice Rice-Littlejohn



Jean Griffin - April 23, 2020 at 10:27 PM