



## Bernadette Theresa Rice

April 18, 1940 - January 31, 2025

Rice, Bernadette T. "Bernie" (Lagan) age 84, of Shoreview, passed away 31 January 2025. Bernadette came to the US from Northern Ireland in 1959 where she built a beautiful family and created many friendships. She was often seen at daily Mass at St. Odilia or volunteering both in the church office or cooking and serving monthly meals at the Dorothy Day Center. She spent decades working for Hennepin County as the first female radio dispatcher and then later as the manager of the Communications department (Centrex). She spent her last year enjoying the community and activities at the Gable Pines senior living community. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dick, best friend Gerald "Jerry" Ellendson, parents Charles and Elizabeth Lagan, brother, Gerry Lagan, and sisters Moira Culver and Margaret Hayden. She is survived by a loving family, sons Greg Ellendson and Brian (Carla) Ellendson and daughters Deirdre (Ron) Willett and Nuala (Jay) Johnson; grandchildren Andy (Katherine) and Brad (Nikki) Johnson, Jerry (Sarah Shaw) and Angie Ellendson, Kris (Jessica) Hammett, Hannah (Dan) Berg, Claire (Sam) Hagen, Cole, Graham, Owen, Elijah, Bridget, Meredith, and Josie Ellendson, Delaney and Kiera Johnson; great-grandchildren Sophie and Chloe Johnson, Elsie and Declan Johnson, Hailey Berg, Niamh Hammett, Isadora Ellendson, Quinn and Elliotte Cregeen and two more on the way. Her loss will be deeply felt by all those fortunate enough to know her. Funeral Mass 11AM Wednesday, 12 February with visitation starting one hour prior at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Shoreview. Burial at Roselawn Cemetery following luncheon. The service will

be live streamed at <https://youtube.com/live/75gDBtkHhnk?feature=share>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church  
3495 Victoria Street N.  
Shoreview, MN 55126

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **12**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PH

“ *Pattie H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernadette Theresa Rice.*

Pattie H. - February 22, 2025 at 05:00 PM

PH

“ *Dear Bernie:  
Thank you for keeping in touch with me over the past twenty years. I always enjoyed getting your sweet messages.  
I have missed seeing you when you visited Cotchie in Destin, FL.  
We made some happy memories, with all five of us sisters together in Boloxie, MS.. I'll think of you often, and the wonderful, good and sweet friend you were to me. Love always, Pattie and Betsy*



Pattie Haynes - February 22, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernadette Theresa Rice.*



February 12, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernadette Theresa Rice.

February 12, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernadette Theresa Rice.

February 11, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ Sarah Dall-Brodersen and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernadette Theresa Rice.



Sarah Dall-Brodersen and Family - February 11, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ So many winters and cruises together. Bernie I will miss you so much but am so thankful I will have so many great memories of you.

Bernadette Leach - February 07, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Cotche, Diane, Bernadette, Gene, Steve purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Bernadette Theresa Rice.



Cotche, Diane, Bernadette, Gene, Steve - February 07, 2025 at 12:49 PM

CD

“ Cotche, Diane, Bernadette, Gene, Steve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernadette Theresa Rice.

Cotche, Diane, Bernadette, Gene, Steve - February 07, 2025 at 12:49 PM

DF

“ Dean, Bob, Kristi Rice and families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bernadette Theresa Rice.



Dean, Bob, Kristi Rice and families - February 06, 2025 at 09:18 PM

RR

“ Rosie R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernadette Theresa Rice.

Rosie R. - February 06, 2025 at 01:21 PM