



Rice, Nora Dean Taylor

1927-2019

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Nora Dean Taylor Rice, 91, of Alvord, went to be with our Lord Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019, in Decatur.

Graveside service is 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 23, at Alvord Cemetery in Alvord.

Family will receive friends 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

The Rev. Don Taylor will officiate. Honorary pallbearers will include Jacob Hickey, Aaron Wilkinson, C.J. Todd and Nathan Adkins.

Nora was born Nov. 18, 1927, to William "Billy" Dawson and Sarah Jane (Roberts) Taylor in Grandfield, Okla. She was united in marriage to

Martin Rice March 21, 1951, in Wichita Falls. Nora was known for her caring nature. At various times during her life she unselfishly cared for elderly and seriously ill relatives, including her husband Martin, both her parents, her father-in-law and three sisters. She was the long-acting matriarch of her family. Nora was the glue that kept scattered family members in touch. She will long be remembered for her love of the Lord, outrageous humor and deep commitment to family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 62 years, Martin Rice; and her eight brothers and sisters.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughters, Sarah Wilkinson of Sanger and Lora Hickey and husband, Lonnie, of Springtown; grandchildren Hannah Todd and husband, C.J., Aaron Wilkinson, Jacob Hickey and Krystina Hickey; great-grandson Nathan Adkins; and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of close friends.

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