



## Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice

May 13, 2011

RICE, Carolyn Sheffield, 62, of Dover, Florida, departed this life on May 13, 2011. She was a member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Dover. She is survived by her husband of 39 years Billy W. Rice; children Kathy Bynum of Clearwater, Danny Bynum (Barbara) of Plant City, Johnny Rice (Laura) of Brandon, and Courtney Rice of Dover; siblings Shirley Sheffield of Plant City and Vernon Sheffield of Dover; and 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 17 from 6 - 8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 SR 39 S, where a Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 11:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Bloomingdale Community Cemetery, 3301 Bloomingdale Ave, Bloomingdale. Expressions of condolence at [www.hopewellfuneral.com](http://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

If roses grow in Heaven Lord  
Please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in our Nanny's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for a while.

# Cemetery Details

## Bloomington Community Cemetery

3301 Bloomindale Ave.  
Valrico, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
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<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



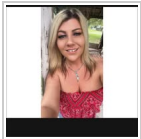
Hopewell Funeral Home - May 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Courtney Seelye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



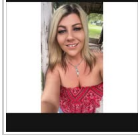
Courtney Seelye - April 30, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ I love you my angel happy 70th birthday in heaven 📄💔



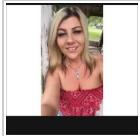
Courtney Seelye - April 30, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ *I miss u and love you so much*



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**Courtney Seelye** - August 23, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ *I miss u so much it's almost been for years and it still don't fill real nothing will ever be the same with out you I love you my garden Angel<3*



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**Courtney Seelye** - January 20, 2015 at 11:37 PM



“ *I can't believe its been 3 years ago today I lost my best friend there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you how I wish you were here to talk to say hi to everyone up there for me until I get to see you again I love youmama*

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**Leeann Bynum** - May 12, 2014 at 11:21 PM



*This is from Barbara bynum for some reason it won't post from her Facebook*

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**Leeann Bynum** - May 12, 2014 at 11:24 PM



Leeann  
Bynum

“ *I can't believe its been 3 years ago today I lost my best friend there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of you how I wish you were here to talk to say hi to everyone up there for me until I get to see you again I love youmama*

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**Leeann Bynum** - May 12, 2014 at 11:16 PM



“ *HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAMA. , I MISS CELEBRATING OUR B-DAYS TOGETHER THE FIRS TTIMEIN 26 YRS I LOVE AND MISSU SO MUCH AGAIN HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

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**BARB** - April 26, 2012 at 08:06 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Price Joiner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice*



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**Barbara Price Joiner** - December 16, 2011 at 10:03 PM

BJ

*Carolyn & I met while we were still in Dover Elementary. We were also neighbors. She always had a kind Heart for all that needed kindness. We ended up being Sister-In-Laws & had some great times, together. She was, & always will be like a Sister to me. When Carolyn lost her Son, Billy She & I talked about how Billy & my Son, Greg were together once again, in Heaven. They had been not only cousins, but best friends. I told Carolyn if I went to Heaven before her, I would give Billy a big hug from her, & she said if she went first, Greg would get a big hug from her for me. There's no doubt in my mind, she did just that, when she got to Heaven. For you see, Carolyn always kept her word. I know she's missed by all that loved her & knew her, but God called her to come home & I'm sure she is happy with her arms around Billy & Greg. Yes, we miss you our Dear Carolyn, & one day we will all be in your arms again. Until then, I'm sure you know our Hearts & our thoughts are with you. I hope you can keep Jean straight, until I get there. HA-HA. Love You.  
Your Sister,  
Barbara*

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**Barbara Ann Price Joiner** - December 16, 2011 at 10:35 PM

BB

“ *BARB BYNUM sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice*



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**BARB BYNUM** - September 23, 2011 at 05:45 AM

BB

*MAMA, I MISS YOU SO MUCH. PEOPLE SAY IT GETS EASIER WITH TIME WELL I DIAGREE.I NEED TO TALK TO YOU SO BAD. YOU ALWAYS KNEW WHAT TO SAY TO MAKE THINGS BETTER AND HAD A EAR TO LEAND ME. NO ONE UNDERSTANDS ME LIKE YOU DID. IM SO CONFUSED RIGHT NOW GOD HOW I NEED YOU . I THINK I SPEAK FOR THE WHO,LE FAMILY WE ALL NEED YOU. AND MISS YOU TERRIABLY. LOVE YOU*

*BARB*

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**BARB BYNUM** - September 23, 2011 at 05:52 AM

LB

“ *Leeann Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice*



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**leeann bynum** - July 25, 2011 at 12:01 PM

LB

*i cant believe its been two month since u went to heaven i still cant believe ur gonna it still feels like a night mare tht im dreaming and i want it to go away and one day it will when we meet up again i love and miss u so much nanny*

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**leeann bynum** - July 25, 2011 at 12:04 PM

KB

“ *Katherine E Bynum lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice*



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**katherine e bynum** - July 15, 2011 at 07:01 PM

KB

MOM I MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH I TRY TO DO WHAT EVERYONE SAYS TO DO TAKE ONE DAY AT A TIME BUT NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN..I NO DADDY IS OUT OF HIS MINE WITH OUT YOU ..EVERYONE IS ..I ONLY WISH I COULD HAVE SAID I LOVE YOU I LAST TIME.AND GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST HUG AND LET YOU NO THAT I WOULD SEE YOU AGAIN ONE DAY ..I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU AND WILL UNTILL WE MEET AGAIN ...LOVE YOU MOM

katherine e bynum - July 15, 2011 at 07:06 PM

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**kathy bynum** - July 09, 2011 at 05:17 PM

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**kathy bynum** - July 09, 2011 at 05:15 PM

CO

“ i miss u so much i dont even no what to do with myself without u u were my number one and allways will be i cant belive ur gone nothin the same any more i would do anything to havee u back i cant wait to see u agin some day i love u mama love ur dauther  
courtney



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**courtneyrice** - July 06, 2011 at 08:38 PM

BR

“ Nanny i think about you so much i wish you where here with us...i miss you ..the last daynwe spent together was mothers day and we came to clearwater and seen mom.. we where looking at how purtty the water and stuff was ...i miss talking to you also not been able to go see you when i wont but i know your in a better place and your watching over all of us...your my angel now tell we meet again..but tell great great nanny and uncle billy and my papa i said hi and miss them to..RIP NANNY



*love you lots and miss you...*

*love brittney*

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**brittney** - June 03, 2011 at 06:01 PM

BR

“ Brittney sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



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**brittney** - June 03, 2011 at 05:47 PM

BA

“ Barb sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



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**barb** - May 28, 2011 at 07:58 PM

MM

“ i have a lot of memories i carry them with me eveyday deep in my heart.we used to just sit around and talk and stuff. or just run into each other at the auction.these were the time id never take back for nothin in the world i only hope she knew how much i loved her. her and shirley made my wedding the success it was cause i threw it together in 2 weeks with no warnig mom ,aunt carolyn and shirley made sure it was nice. she didnt like my wedding topper and she bought me one it was so pretty i cherished it but i lost it in the house fire. she had a heart of gold and ill never forget her i love her so much my heart breaks everyday rejoice your home tell everyone up there i miss and love them give billy big hugs for me love you

marie mills - May 25, 2011 at 09:56 PM

MM

“ Marie Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



marie mills - May 25, 2011 at 09:45 PM

MM

“ Marie Mills lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



marie mills - May 25, 2011 at 09:33 PM

Wendy  
Grimmer

“ Wendy Grimmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



Wendy Grimmer - May 25, 2011 at 01:53 PM

Wendy  
Grimmer

Rest in peace Carolyn. Your watching over all of your family <3 you will be missed by many!!

Wendy Grimmer - May 25, 2011 at 01:53 PM

NB

“ I'm so sorry for the Rice family's lost. Shes up in heaven with my father, which i know there both very happy to see each other.

Love Always Nicole and Zack Brown

nicole brown - May 23, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ Laura Graczyk sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



Laura Graczyk - May 23, 2011 at 03:31 PM

BM

“ *Brittney N Moody sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice*



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**brittney n moody** - May 21, 2011 at 03:55 PM

CR

“ *Courtney Rice sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice*



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**courtney rice** - May 20, 2011 at 05:32 PM



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - May 20, 2011 at 09:01 AM

CR

“ *i miss u so much right now just dnt even no really i need u hear with me*

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**courtney rice** - May 19, 2011 at 11:38 AM

LB

“ im gonna miss u nanny just to think tht earlier tht day me u and mom was sitting at ur table joking around playing with jr i really dnt want to face the fact tht ur gonna but i know one day i will and ill stop having sad tears and only have happy ones. nanny u was the only thing tht kept this family going strong and staying together u was always the one tht made sure we have family functions no matter if u wasnt up to it and i apprecaite it ..... im gonna miss going to ur house for holidays and see u sitting at the kitchen table i will see u again tell uncle billy i said hi and i love and miss him..... I LOVE U NANNY FOR EVER AND ALWAYS.....

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**leeann bynum** - May 18, 2011 at 06:42 PM



Raymond  
Christian

“ Im gonna miss going over there to your house with you and helping you feed your animals! i love you Carolyn you where like my second grandma

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**Raymond Christian** - May 18, 2011 at 05:16 PM

HE

“ Prayers for the Rice Family. She is in God's hands now and will always watch over you..  
From The Browns

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**Heather** - May 18, 2011 at 08:31 AM

SH

“ Mrs. Carolyn you will be missed by everyone you have cross paths with. I know your in a better place and your walking on streets of gold and your singing and rejoicing with the angels. I know your looking down on us and you will keep good eyes on your family. We love you and we will see you again soon



From,

*Jeanie's Family*

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**Shane Holder** - May 18, 2011 at 08:20 AM

MD

“ Martha Jean Dunbar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carolyn Sheffield Rice



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**martha jean dunbar** - May 17, 2011 at 10:42 PM

DR

“ Carolyn, you will be missed dearly, you were the rock of your family. I can remember all the good times we had at the field working, you were such a blessing to me and good friend. God had that special place waiting for you, we know your not hurting anymore.



*Love You, Donna Rainey & Billy*

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**Donna Rainey** - May 17, 2011 at 09:59 AM

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courtney rice - May 17, 2011 at 12:52 AM

CR

“ i love u so much nanny i dnt no what to do with out u u did everything for me we have allways been so closed im glad u raised me u and papa did a great job i no ur lookin down on me its never good bye all ways see u later i love u more than anything u had a graeat life u did so much u hold the key to my heart love allways ur dauther courtney



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courtney rice - May 17, 2011 at 12:50 AM



“ mama. i miss you so much . you were a great best friend and mother in law more like . my real mom than a mother in law.i hope i do you proud looking after things. i love you cant wait to see you again. say hi to grandma. grandpa cari . billy and vita tell them we miss then to



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barbara bynum - May 16, 2011 at 05:42 PM

NH

“ we will all dearly dearly miss u carolyn u will always be in our loving hearts rest in peace we all miss you



Nichole Huggins - May 16, 2011 at 05:25 PM

BM

“ nanny i cant believe your gone it seems like its just a dream but its really not..but i know its realalty. but u well be dearly loved and missed. i remember just the other day on mothers day we where feedind the cows and cracking jokes..i know your in a better place now and it sucks not to have you here with me....not a day will go bye that i dont think of you....well meet again some day and when i do im going to give you the biggest hug.. i lovee youu nanny <33



love: your granddaughter Brittney

brittney n moody - May 16, 2011 at 02:11 PM

DS

“ I was just thinking about all of use the other day,So meny years ago when carolyn and her family lived in back of us.When I got that call that Carolyn past away.There are so many memories that I can not count.Carolyn was a loving and caring person always had a smile on her face.I know you are with your son and your brothers,And dad and mom.I know you are having a reunion in Heaven,Carolyn give my brother Don a big hug for me.My prayers go out to the Rice family..



Debbie ( Going ) Solomon - May 16, 2011 at 12:12 PM

BJ

“ Shortly after Carolyn & Wayne lost their son, Billy, Carolyn & I talked alot about Billy & my Son, Gregory Sheffield which had passed in 1989. ( Carolyn's Nephew ).

We spoke of how they were together now in Heaven, & how wonderful it was going to be when our time comes & we will be with them again.

We made an agreement that which ever one of us got there first, we would tell our sons how much we love & miss them & give them a big hug.

Well Carolyn, you got there first & I know you gave Gregory a big hug from me.

I know when I get there, you'll have a big hug for me, also You will be missed, & I know you did not want to leave your loved ones here,

but it was time to go to the light & to Billy & Greg, as we talked about.

I say to all that are missing you now, Cry, but somehow find some tears of happiness

for today you are in Heaven & you are happy.

So I say to you Honey.....BYE FOR NOW.....

YOUR SISTER, Barbara Sheffield Joiner



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**Barbara Sheffield Joiner** - May 16, 2011 at 10:15 AM

JJ

“ My birth father died when I was very young and "Aunt" Carolyn never failed to mention how much I looked like him. I think she knew how much it meant to me to hear it. She was a very sweet and loving woman and will ALWAYS have a special place in my heart!

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**Joanna Bryan Jacky** - May 16, 2011 at 09:02 AM