

Mrs. Rice

Jean Keener Rice, 54, of Cashiers, died Sunday, June 27, in Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, after an illness of two years. She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late Thomas M. and Edna Corbett Keener, and was married to Robert W. Rice Sr., who survives. She was a real estate broker and had served as postmistress in Highlands and Cashiers. She was a former member of the board of directors of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, past president of the Board of Realtors, and a member of the Highlands Church of the Incarnation.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert W. Rice Jr. and Alan Rice, both of Cashiers; a daughter, Catherine Jessie Rice, of the home; a brother, Mel Keener, of Highlands; two sisters, Mary Milkey, of Atlanta, Ga., and Jessie Maggio, of Rochester, N.Y.; a half-sister, Carrie Burris, of Highlands; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, June 29, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cashiers, and burial was in the church cemetery. Bishop Robert Brown and the Rev. Rick Dennis officiated, and nephews served as pallbearers.

Memorial gifts may be made to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital or to Cashiers-Glenville Rescue Squad, c/o Adrian Fowler, Cashiers, N.C. 28717.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.