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Elizabeth "Bebe" Faas Rice passed away on December 26, 2020. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 13, 1932 to Laughlin Faas (a World War I Marine Veteran) and Marie Christie. She grew up in Iowa and California, graduating from the College of the Holy Names, Oakland, California, in 1953, with a degree in English Literature and Medieval History. Upon graduation, she was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and was assigned to HQMC, Washington, DC where she met her future husband. She married W.H. "Duff" Rice in 1955 and they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past November.

The Rices moved many times during General Rice's career, living in 24 different homes on posts and stations both in the country and overseas. Bebe also traveled a great deal in Europe and the Far East, as well as in Australia, Canada and Israel. Bebe was a noted author of children's books, and had 18 of her children's books published, plus numerous stories and articles for both adult and children's publications. A number of her children's novels were translated and published in German and French and recorded as audio titles.

In addition to her writing and responsibilities as a Marine wife, Bebe was also active in numerous volunteer activities and taught adult classes in writing, giving lectures, presentations and seminars in the field of continuing education.

Immediate survivors include her husband, their son, John, a foreign service officer, daughter-in-law Marie, and three grandchildren-David, Rebecca and Sarah.

Interment will be private at Quantico National Cemetery. Please share online condolences with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com



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DP

Donna Paton posted:

I was checking my YouTube account to read a comment left on a video of General Rice and Mrs. "Bebe" when I ended up here. My heart just fell! I am so shocked and saddened to learn of Bebe's passing. She was such a pleasure to be around and always inspired me. It was truly an honor and a privilege to work for her and Maj. General Rice when they sold their house in Mclean a while ago. I am so sad that I was not aware until today. I send my condolences and prayers to Duff, his son and family. - Donna Paton

April 29 at 8:49 PM

BR

Brittany posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Rice's passing. I was just recommending one of her books for a friend's daughter and when I searched her name, I was sadly greeted with her obituary. I'm sorry that the world lost this light. When I was in 4th grade, I found her book "The Year the Wolves Came" in my school's library and an avid reader was born. It was the 1st book I truly loved. I'm 32 and a copy of that book holds a prominent spot on my bookshelf. It is taken out often and reread. Her words and stories will live on forever in my home and heart. Sending you all love for the loss of this special woman.

March 31 at 7:20 AM

AK

Annette Curtis Klause posted:

I'm so sorry. Bebe was always a cheerful and welcome sight at Children's Book Guild meetings. -- Annette Curtis Klause.

January 8 at 10:56 AM

CL

Caroline Levine posted:

Bebe was part of "The Soup Group," a small group of children's authors who met regularly in my Rockville kitchen to read and discuss our current writing projects. She was always quick to suggest a helpful idea when one of us was stuck in a manuscript. When our group broke up, I greatly missed her cheerful company. Caroline Levine

January 3 at 7:28 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elizabeth by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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