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### **Community invited to services honoring former mayor and council member Margie L. Rice**

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - Members of the community are invited to attend services honoring former mayor and council member Margie L. Rice, who passed away on July 25 at the age of 92, following a brief battle with cancer.

Services will be held on Aug. 13 and are open to the public. A celebration of life will begin at 10 a.m. at Calvary Chapel WestGrove, 12832 Knott Street, Garden Grove. A graveside service will follow at 12 p.m. at Westminster Memorial Park, located at 14801 Beach Boulevard, Westminster. Services will conclude with a reception at 1 p.m. at the Rose Center Theater, 14140 All American Way, Westminster.

A longtime community leader, Rice was first elected to the city council in November 1994 where she served two full terms as a council member. In 2000, Rice was elected as mayor and served as mayor through 2012. She continued her service as a council member until her retirement from the city council in 2018.

As an avid supporter of the arts, Rice developed and advocated for a performing arts center in Westminster, which resulted in the construction of the city's Rose Center Theater.

Prior to her service on the city council, Rice served as a member of the Westminster School District Board of Trustees for over 17 years. Rice also joined the Midway City Sanitary District Board in 1990 where she actively served until her passing.

Born on January 9, 1929, Rice moved to Westminster in 1956 and was a resident for 65 years.

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