



June Hester

February 26, 1930 - October 21, 2020

Mrs. June Hester, 90, passed away peacefully at 1:20 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 202. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Allen "Bill" Hester Sr; her oldest son, William Allen Hester Jr. and her youngest son, John Chapman Hester. She is survived by her daughter, Paula Hester Jacquez, of Memphis, TN. and her son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Laura Hester of Bartlett, TN. and her older brother, William Earl "Bill" Strickland, of Oxford, MS. Mrs. Hester leaves behind 8 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews to whom she was very close.

Mrs. Hester was the youngest of 7 children born to Luther and Mary Lindsey Strickland. Her oldest sister, Mrs. Flocence Murphy, of Memphis, lived to be 107 years of age. Her remaining sibling, Bill, is 95 years of age. Mrs. Hester graduated from Memphis Technical High School and soon marries her husband, Bill. They were married for 53 years. She was a homemaker and built her life around her children, her family and friends. She was well known in the Oakhaven neighborhood, where she moved with her family in the summer of 1958.

She was active in the PTA at Oakhaven and in the lives of her children. Her home was always open to her children's friends and she probably fed more other people's children than any other Mother in the neighborhood. Every Christmas eve for many years, her open house started early and ran to late in the evening. She always made the holidays special for her children and family. There are many happy memories of holidays at her parent's home with her large, boisterous family. Family vacations were very important to her and she made sure her children had many of those. They spent many summer vacations in the Smoky Mountains, where they really camped. She and Bill took their children across the country twice to visit her nephew, Ben Chapman, and his family in southern California. She made many personal sacrifices for her children to see they got everything they needed, and she did not once complain or act like it was a burden. Mrs. Hester learned unconditional love from her parents and showed the same to her family and friends all her life.

She truly enjoyed the Smoky Mountains and made numerous trips there with her children and her dear friend of many years, Mrs. Peggy Duffy. Mr. Hester and her dear friend,

Barbara Harder enjoyed many years of close friendships and their daughters, Diana and Paula, took dancing lessons together for many years.

Many of her children's friends were close to her and loved her like family. Her grandchildren called her "Mammy", even though before the birth of her first grandchild, she stated she wanted to be called "Grandmother". She was affectionally known as "Mammy" for the last 40 years of her precious life.

At the moment of her death, when she took her last breath, all her wrinkles disappeared, and her face was glowing. This happened when she entered into the Kingdom of Heaven, when she gained her angel wings. Our family wished to thank you all who loved and cherished her, as we did.

To you, Mrs. June Hester, "Well done...."

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Cemetery

Memorial Park Cemetery

5668 Poplar Ave

Memphis, TN, 38119

Events

OCT **Gathering** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Memorial Park Fireside Chapel

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OCT **Celebration of Life** 02:30PM

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Comments



“ Oh my goodness! So many memories, so many times we were together in the company of the whole family or alone, just the two of us sharing intimacies between two friends. My precious Aunt June was just a kid when I was born in 1942. She babysat for her sister Dollye, my mom. We never really grew apart even though the miles between us were great. Bill and I lived all over the country, many many miles from Memphis but that did not impede our friendship. The marathon telephone calls kept us in touch.

One memory which really stands out for me is when she and Uncle Bill came to Wesson for a flea market/craft show. June and I stayed up on Friday talking, talking, talking; which we did so well and at great length. When we finally got to bed, it seemed the clock was running at double time. We had to get up early to set up their craft table and 5:00 a.m. was REALLY EARLY after a night of conversation. When I woke June that morning, she said "Good Grief, I've had naps longer than that!" Oh Really!!! LOL!!! That sentence is embedded in my head and I've used it many times since that morning.

June and Uncle Bill came to visit us on Monteagle Mountain when we purchased an old, historic home. They were so excited for us and as I was showing June the living room of the house, I reached and "threw open the sash" of one window. It immediately fell to the ground outside. We got hysterical with laughter when she said to me, "Can you imagine your Mom living here with windows that fall out?" I still get a kick out of that memory and the answer is NO, my Mom would never even have considered living in a home which was that primitive! But it sure appealed to me and June.

We loved to laugh and reminisce about our wonderful Strickland family and the great times we had with them in MamMaw and PapPaw's home on Minna Place at Thanksgiving and Christmas. I miss her already so very much; just knowing I'll never get another recipe share or swap recipe books with and from her. There won't be another birthday greeting from her (she never forgot.) There will never be another person in my life who knows me as she knew me and she never betrayed me. We were kin, and we were lifelong friends.

Goodbye my sweet June Bug! I cherish the memories and our time together.

Jan Baby (aka: Janice Carter Shults)

Janice Shults - October 27, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you in June's family. We are so sorry that because of current health precautions, we are able to be with you only in our thoughts. Junie was the best of the best and a true example of unconditional love to all who knew her. Our love and God's peace be with each of you.

Jerry and Donna

Donna and Jerry Meeks - October 27, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Hester.



October 27, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ I would like to share another memory if I could that comes to mind. When I got married, June had just had eye surgery. I was hoping she could still come, but right up to the last few days she kept asking me "if I was sure, really sure?" June was my mother's best friend and we both wanted her there very much. As I walked down the aisle I spotted June with a lovely aqua long dress on that came complete with a satin covered, jeweled eye patch complete with a crystal dangling teardrop. I remember being so tickled as I walked by her. She said she had made it because there was no way her pretty dress was going to have an old, black, ugly bandage with it. That is just how she was about everything. She could dress up most anything real or imagined.

My June could wear a hat like no other. She was most proud of her Eason's hats. I thought she was bigger than life when she would put them on, they transformed her. June had love for everyone around her and made you feel so special. When ever I had a question about anything with school or with the world and my mom didn't know, she would say "I don't know Dianna you better call June." She was real and if she loved you, you would absolutely know it. I will miss my June forever and ever.

Thank you,
Dianna McCarver

DIANNA MCCARVER - October 26, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ Larry, Debbie, Mary, Kholt & Jessie Joyce & family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of June Hester.



Larry, Debbie, Mary, Kholt & Jessie Joyce & family - October 26, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ June was one of the a greatest women I had the privilege to have know. Her warm and loving soul was remarkable. I will forever miss her and I was honored to have known her. I hope June is hugging my mother's neck in Heaven. Best friends again, talking forever like they always did. God speed my June. Job well done precious one.

DIANNA MCCARVER - October 23, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of June Hester.



October 23, 2020 at 06:14 PM