



June Ellen Millard

June 28, 1932 - September 10, 2020

June Ellen Millard, 88, of Jefferson City, passed away Thursday, September 10, 2020 at her daughter's home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 28, 1932 in Martins Ferry, Ohio, a daughter of Robert Louis and Carrie Elelia (Paden) Kemp.

June graduated from St. Clairsville High School in 1950. After graduating, June had the time of her life sharing an apartment with three other girls, one of which was Rosie Fowler who until recently, still had long phone conversations talking about their escapades. June and Rosie worked at the 5 and 10 in Barnesville, Ohio, and were also switch board operators for Ohio Bell, of course they had some fun stories to tell of listening in on the "Party Line".

Talk about spilling the beans! June along with other ladies were serving the evening meal at the Christian Church Camp in Bethesda, Ohio, when she dropped a plate of beans on a young man attending camp from Brilliant, Ohio. June was totally embarrassed, but the young man later that week asked her out on a date. She and the young man fell in love and on June 1, 1952 she was united in marriage to William "Bill" Fredwin Millard at the United Methodist Church in Morristown, Ohio. After 64 years of marriage, he preceded her in death on February 10, 2017.

After marrying Bill, she became a homemaker raising their four children – Mark, Bart, Diantha and Reid. Upon the death of June's sister and her husband, Alice and Bob Wehr, Bill and June adopted the Wehrs' four children – Curtis, Mary Jane, Gary and Shelly – to raise with their own children. Bill was fond of saying, "One day there were four children in the house and the next day there were eight." The eight children ranged in age from four to twelve, with the new dynamic bringing a lot of excitement into the Millard household. However, they handled it well, getting new sets of bunk beds to provide a dorm style sleeping arrangement, with one upstairs room for the boys and the other upstairs room for the girls. June and Bill purchased a brand new red and white Volkswagen bus to haul everyone to their school and church functions. June designed and delivered floral arrangements for her in-laws at Millard's Garden and Gift Center in Brilliant, Ohio. When

her children where in high school, she worked as a grocery clerk at both Mulls' and Pino's Grocery Stores also in Brilliant and volunteered at the Blue Devils concession stand for her children's different athletic events. In 1981, she became a ward secretary at Ohio Valley Hospital, in Steubenville, Ohio, where she was employed until her retirement in 1998.

June was a lifetime member of Brilliant Christian Church where she was a choir member, Sunday school teacher for over 30 years and past secretary for The Women's Fellowship. She was very involved in Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, PTA and was a very active member of the Jefferson County Historical Society. After retirement in 1998, June and Bill moved to Gerald, Missouri, to help take care of their children's funeral home Meyer-Hilke-Millard. While in Gerald, she became a member of the Antioch Christian Church and was a member of their choir. June was very involved in the community acting as a board member and past secretary for the Gerald Senior Center, she volunteered at the Gerald Library and was an adopted Grandma at Gerald Elementary School teaching children to improve their reading skills. In 2009, they moved to Jefferson City, Missouri, to be closer to their children and grandchildren and joined the First Christian Church, she also volunteered at the Cole County Senior Nutrition Center.

June was a wonderful seamstress, making many matching outfits for herself and her girls. She loved gardening, especially flowers. June was a very warm, loving and devoted wife, mother and friend, but most of all she was a loyal and faithful Christian. Her daily devotions included reading bible scripture, singing some of her favorite hymns and praying. June's love of God and her devotion to him were, as she said, "What got her through each and every day, through thick and thin!" She was a truly joyful lady!

She is survived by three sons: Mark B. Millard Sr., Barton L. Millard and Reid A. Millard all of Jefferson City; two daughters: Diantha E. Grabinski (Chester) and Shelly L. Davis (Michael) both of Jefferson City; one brother: Robert L. Kemp (Charlotte) of Louisville, Ohio; 12 grandchildren: Mark Millard Jr. (Jana), Chris Zack, Tracy Chilton (Shawn), Derek Givens (Della), William Blake Millard (Kimi), Jessica Millard (Christopher), Ashton Millard, Alexandria Millard, Andrea Reynolds (Shane), Cindy Olsen (DJ), Theresa Tandeski (Jeremy), and Leah Grabinski (Justin); 20 great grandchildren: Braden and Alexander Millard, Collin, Zoe and Cohen Chilton, Elena Leamond, Aiden and Dean Millard, Riah, Trinity and Levi Michaels, Kyler and Danni Jo Olsen, Mason, Caleb and Chase Reynolds, Addison, Josh and Preslie Tandeski and baby Ele Grabinski due to arrive in December and a host of much loved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons: Gary Wehr on October 24, 1986 and Curtis Wehr on October 16, 2017; one daughter: Mary Jane Wehr on September 16, 2018; and two sisters and their

husbands: Sally Stephen (Roland) and Alice Wehr (Robert).

Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at Houser-Millard Funeral Directors in Jefferson City, Missouri where funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2020 with Rev. Beau Underwood officiating. Entombment will be at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens in Jefferson City.

If you are unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed to the following link beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020:

https://youtu.be/aWzlvqn_D3U

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice Compassus of Jefferson City, First Christian Church of Jefferson City or First Christian Church of Brilliant, Ohio.

Arrangements are under the direction of HOUSER-MILLARD Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 (573) 636-3838. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.millardfamilychapels.com.

Cemetery

Hawthorn Memorial Gardens

4205 Horner Road
Jefferson City, MO, 65109

Events

SEP 15 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Houser-Millard Funeral Directors
2613 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO, US,
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SEP 16 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I had never heard the story about how she and uncle Bill met. That's priceless! Aunt June was amazing and my mother talked of her often. I send warm thoughts and prayers to all of my cousins and their families in this time of loss. Love you all.

Linda Millard - September 19 at 03:48 PM



“ Sending loving thoughts and prayers to all. June was a beautiful person, I knew her from childhood to adulthood.



DeeDee & Mike Rusnak - September 18 at 09:33 AM



“ My sympathy in your loss. She had a great life full of love and adventure

Kirk Rosenhan - September 16 at 06:55 PM



“ Praying for all your precious family members as you gather in person or on line this morning to celebrate the life of your beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, dear friend, Sister-in-Christ

Marsha G Graham - September 16 at 11:22 AM



“ Joe Bryan lit a candle in memory of June Ellen Millard



Joe Bryan - September 16 at 09:19 AM



“ Reid:
Please accept our deepest heartfelt sympathy for your mother's passing. May she rest in God's loving arms forever.

Joe Bryan - September 16 at 09:19 AM



“ Reid and all your family....Patty and I will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers today and in the coming weeks. You all can be so proud of all your Mother did as I am sure she is of all of you.

Dwayne Spence



Dwayne Spence - September 16 at 07:38 AM



“ To Reid and family, we are so sorry for your loss. A mother is irreplaceable and yours seemed to be phenomenal. Our condolences.

Homer&Donna Cavitte - September 15 at 11:33 PM



“ Reid and Millard family, our sincerest condolences on the passing of your mother. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Heaven has gained another angel!
Michele and Todd Barnes



Muchele and Todd Barnes - September 15 at 10:12 PM



“ Reid and family
From the Schaefer family you have our deepest sympathy

Ruth Schaefer - September 15 at 04:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 15 at 10:38 AM



“ Pat Richardson lit a candle in memory of June Ellen Millard



Pat Richardson - September 15 at 09:27 AM



“ To Reid & family, condolences to you & your family on the loss of your mother.

Pat Richardson - September 15 at 09:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 15 at 07:20 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 15 at 06:04 AM



“ Jan & Gordon purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of June Ellen Millard.



Jan & Gordon - September 14 at 06:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 14 at 06:07 PM



“ Diantha, Reid and the Millard family, our sympathy and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Jim and Doris Wunderlich

James Wunderlich - September 14 at 04:44 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.





September 14 at 01:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 14 at 12:22 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 14 at 12:17 PM



“ Richard Hardiman sent a virtual gift in memory of June Ellen Millard



Richard Hardiman - September 14 at 08:20 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 13 at 11:51 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 13 at 02:26 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 13 at 11:33 AM



“ Reid, my sincere sympathy for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. With your Mom's passing I know that Heaven has welcomed a very special Angel.
-Mike Brasco and family
Boston, MA

Mike Brasco - September 13 at 10:04 AM



“ Our sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with the Millard family.

Amick family - September 12 at 10:11 AM



“ I met this lovely Lady at last years Christmas party, I introduced myself and told her I was glad to meet Reid's Mom, she laughed, and replied "Me too".
Heaven is getting a very special Angel.
Barbara Bennett

Barbara Bennett - September 12 at 01:12 AM



“ Donna Reed And Eleanor Reed lit a candle in memory of June Ellen Millard



Donna Reed and Eleanor Reed - September 12 at 12:43 AM



“ This is from the Eleanor Reed and family!!! We are sending are thoughts and prayers to the Millard family.Reid Millard was amazing when my Father passed away in 2000.

Donna Reed and Eleanor Reed - September 12 at 12:46 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 11 at 09:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.



September 11 at 05:35 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of June Ellen Millard.





“ Sincere condolences to Reid and the Millard Family.
Larry & Dana Henson Zimmerman

Dana Henson Zimmerman - September 11 at 09:00 AM



“ It is a shame to lose such a strong caring woman who made huge personal sacrifices to raise two families she joined into one outstanding family we know and admire. It is sad for her loss but her memory will be a treasure to those she touched.

Mike Malone - September 11 at 08:22 AM



“ I just saw this, this very moment, and I am so saddened. But, I am so grateful for the chance of meeting, and knowing such a wonderful, sweet, and faithful woman. She was the strong matriarch of the Millard family, and had to be, to reign in all those Kids. She was a saint among the living, and will be the Angel God was searching for. God bless your soul, June, you deserve every bit of it. Vivian Amick

Vivian Amick - September 11 at 01:29 AM



“ To Reid & Family, With deepest sympathy at the loss of your Mother..from Debbie Branson & Family



Debbie Branson - September 10 at 04:14 PM



“ I enjoyed living next door to June and Bill in Herron. Your mom would play some music, work on puzzles and visit. I would like to pass on my condolences to the whole family. Mark Luetkemeyer

Mark Luetkemeyer - September 10 at 03:38 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May God Bless your family with peace and wonderful memories.

carolyn Maxey - September 11 at 01:11 PM



“ Reid and Family, Praying the memories of your beloved Mom will bring you smiles in the days ahead! Big Hugs! Grier and Lisa Baker

Grier and Lisa Baker - September 13 at 10:23 PM