



June Wilhelmi

June 10, 1934 - March 6, 2025

June Darlene Wilhelmi (Peters) Age 90, of Minneapolis, passed away March 6, 2025. Preceded in death by husband Charles 'Charlie' Wilhelmi, parents Verna & Henry Peters, sister & brother-in-law Jane & Marlin Toews, son-in-law Joe Saba, and daughter-in-law Sherrie Wilhelmi. Caring wife and amazing mother, June was always the heart of our family. She was born and raised in North Dakota, where she played on the championship basketball team at Hampden School. She moved to Minneapolis where she raised her family and lived the remainder of her life. She never forgot a birthday or anniversary, and she loved the holidays! She was an amazing cook and made the best turkey dinner & apple pie (amongst many other things). She loved to travel, go for rides in the country, eat vanilla ice cream (but not vanilla bean!), and you'd never find her without her lipstick. She was an avid Twins fan and former season ticket holder. In addition to taking care of family, she worked for over 20 years at Saba Flowers in Brooklyn Center. June is survived by brother Rodney Peters of Grand Forks, ND; sons, Charles 'Chuck' (Linda) Wilhelmi, David Wilhelmi; daughters Cindy (Joe) Ramirez, Sandy (John) Staloch, Diane Saba, Sharon Wilhelmi; grandchildren Cory (Terri) Ramirez, Joey (Kirsten) Ramirez, Elizabeth(Jeff) Duke, Lauren Wilhelmi, Luke Wilhelmi, Jessica (Chad) Johnson, Joey Saba, Anthony (Kristen) Saba, Jordan Wilhelmi, Nick Wilhelmi, Dakota (cat), 10 great grandchildren and many extended family members.

A small family gathering will be held at Crystal Lake Funeral Chapel (Penn Ave N in Minneapolis) at 1:00 PM on Friday (3/21/25), where she will be laid to rest. In lieu of flowers, feel free to make a donation in June's name to Metro Meals on Wheels.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Chapel
3816 Penn Avenue N.
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Happy 91st birthday Mom! We miss you.



Sharon Wilhelmi - June 11, 2025 at 03:14 AM

SS

“ I have to smile today when I think of my mom. Due to her dementia she would always forget that she was 90, so when she'd notice this big sign that was hanging in the living room she'd look at us and say in total amazement..."I'm 90!" We'd tell her yes Mom, you're 90 and then we'd tell her all about the big party she had and how everyone came. Today we will celebrate our wonderful, beautiful Mom on what would have been her 91st birthday.



Sandra Staloch - June 10, 2025 at 05:21 AM

CW

“ Mom,

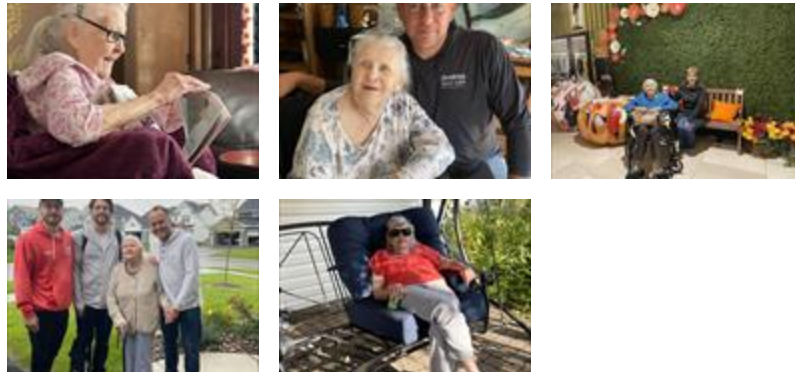
Probably the best word spoken by her children. I know for me it was. I have so many memories of you that I could fill a book with them. I see the picture that I have of you in my home and I think about what must have been your thoughts as a teenage girl. What were your hopes and dreams? At that time were you thinking of leaving small town life behind to someday go to the big city? Did you think that some day you would marry and be the mother of 6 children? Because that is what you eventually did. I would like our family to remember that when you went home to your Heavenly Father that you left us with a legacy of Love. That was what you did for all of us and I will always be eternally grateful for you being my Mom. I will miss you greatly until we are together again. I love you Mom for all you meant to me.

Charles Keith

Charles Wilhelmi - March 23, 2025 at 09:09 PM

SW

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Sharon Wilhelmi - March 22, 2025 at 10:48 PM

AS

“ Grandma, I will miss you but know that you will live on in our memories and hearts. I have many memories from all the times you watched us as kids, the family picnics at Minnehaha falls, and going to the Twins games. Kristin and I are very grateful that you got to meet Everly. We wish we could have come in town more to visit. We love you Grandma.

Anthony Saba - March 21, 2025 at 12:44 PM

DS

“ I love you mom and I will miss you. I am so glad that I got to hold your hand when God decided to take you home. Home was where you wanted to be; with your mom and dad, and Charlie. I know you're at peace with God. I have a lot of good memories from the time we spent together. I know Jessica, Joey, and Anthony will miss you greatly. You know you'll never truly be gone because you'll always be in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers. If you run into Joe, give him a big hug for me. Love you always, Diane.

Diane Saba - March 19, 2025 at 10:21 PM

JE

“ Grandma, I will always miss you. I will continue making your Apple Pie and pass that tradition down to Zack and Kenzie. One of these days I am going to perfect that pie crust! You were always up for anything - Zoo, Arboretum, shopping! i think you were the only person who never complained about my driving - you probably had your eyes closed and were praying the entire time! I loved spending the night at your house, taking the bus downtown to go shopping and just sitting on the front steps listening to the breeze. I will never forget you and am grateful that I had so many years with you. ❤️

JESSICA - March 19, 2025 at 08:57 PM

“ *It’s GRANDMA!*

Words once boldly directed towards me as I stared down her index finger with her eyes locked with mine. I committed a cardinal sin and called her by her name; all in a silly attempt to sound more professional around the shop (Saba Flowers). This was instantly followed by shared laughter, and agreement. Needless to say, I never made that mistake again.

This small incident revealed just how serious she took this role; it was not just a title. A role she filled with meaningful actions, backed with love. This meant spoiling all of us grandchildren (and great grandchildren), spending as much time as possible with us. But most of all, loving us to the fullest without any room for criticism. If you were at Grandma’s house, or just in her presence, you were guaranteed to have a good time.

I will always remember our weekly shopping trips to Rainbow Foods, and some of the weird food items you would buy... And how you would never allow us to leave the grocery store without picking up some donuts; always a lemon Bismark for you (the one with the most powdered sugar), and a sprinkled donut for me! Or Frosties from Wendy’s if the grocery store was out of donuts. It didn’t matter if I was in my 20’s or 30’s.

Of course there were the annual picnics; Como Zoo and Minnehaha Falls to mention a few. Birthdays, and holidays; Thanksgiving was my personal favorite. More stuffing please! And of course your legendary apple pie.

In the spring there was Memorial Day weekend. The two of us chilling or baking under the tent at Crystal Lake selling flowers. Making the most of it; enjoying the weather, and the people watching. You would always go for the red and white carnations with the blue ribbon for Grandpa.

I think we all owe it to you for our strength (and/or stubbornness).

No crying; get back up and keep on going. Whether it was slipping on the floor at Dayton's, or being forced to be stuck in bed (that's right, I saw the video of you exercising when you thought no one was watching). No one was going to stop you. You put the Energizer Bunny to shame.

I think the moment that I will cherish the most, is that last hug and unexpected peck on the cheek while Sharon and my mom were trying to get you situated to be more comfortable.

You will forever be a part of our lives, not just in memory, but in the virtues and values you instilled upon us.

Until we meet again Grandma.

*Love Always,
Joey*



Joseph Saba - March 19, 2025 at 04:25 AM

SS

“ *The greatest blessing in my life was to have you for my Mom and my best friend. I have so many childhood memories of you packing up fried chicken dinners for spur of the moment picnics at Como Zoo and Minnehaha Falls, loading up all of us kids and walking to Greeley Park, making each of us our special Angel food Birthday cakes, sitting in the kitchen and playing gin rummy, spades, scrabble and our walks around the neighborhood. You taught me how to put on lipstick and just like you, I won't leave home without it! I enjoyed all of our drives on the parkways and into the countryside, our many travels and adventures together to Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Colorado, Florida, Iowa, the New England States and most of all our European vacation to five Countries. We did everything from exploring caves to hot air ballooning, watching the Twins at the Big Green Monster, seeing Kirby inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown to train rides through the Great Smokey Mountains, Duluth and the fall leaves in Wisconsin. You were the best Mom and cook ever and no one can make an apple pie as good yours! I will miss you all the remaining days of my life and I will always think of you when I see a bluebird. You will live in my heart and my treasured memories until we meet again.*



Sandy Staloch - March 17, 2025 at 04:07 AM

SW

“ *Best mom. Best friend. I'm grateful for all you did for me and for all the wonderful memories. Eating ice cream at Notre Dame and walking the beaches of Oahu are a few of the great times we shared. You will be missed but you will not be forgotten. When I decorate the Christmas tree or walk our garden I will always think of you.*

Sharon Wilhelmi - March 15, 2025 at 01:24 PM

DW

Dearest Mom - you are so dearly missed ❤️. I am so blessed to have so many wonderful memories to carry in my heart forever. Thank you for all of the amazing gifts you provided in shaping who I am as a person and what the meaning of family is truly about 😊. I could never be prouder in always knowing I was your son, and I will always carry you close in my heart at all times. 🙏

David Wilhelmi - March 16, 2025 at 09:37 AM