



## June Stafki

May 30, 1935 - November 12, 2015

The Mass of Christian Burial for June Stafki will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Sunday, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena with Rosary at 5:00 and Prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. June Jeanette Stafki of New York Mills, formerly of Deer Creek, passed away peacefully to glory, November 12, 2015, at the Golden Living Center in Henning, MN.

June Jeanette Gackstetter was born May 30, 1935, to Elmer & Laura (Truhler) Gackstetter of Inver Grove Heights, MN. She had one older sister Ethel, who was also her best friend. Growing up on the family farm was a grand adventure for her and she enjoyed working with their team of horses in the field alongside her father, and getting to drive the Model T to the market at age nine. June was an outstanding student as well, and graduated near the top of her class of several hundred students, from South Saint Paul High School in 1953. She worked at Swift Inc. for a short time and in lieu of accepting a full scholarship, chose to become a wife and mother fulltime. June married Paul E. Stafki on Dec 31, 1955. They made their home in and around the Twin Cities finally settling in Hugo, where Paul built a home for them.

Their marriage was blessed with nine children. In 1975, they sold their home

and moved to a farm near Deer Creek MN. While Paul continued to commute to the Twin Cities for masonry work, June managed the farm with the help of the children. June stayed on the farm until 2001 when she moved to New York Mills. After Paul's death in 1994, June went to work as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Elders Home in New York Mills. She retired in 2001 and began what would be a 10 year relationship of love as a foster grandparent. "Grandma June", was a role she dearly loved, at the Heart of the Lakes Elementary School in Perham. She was forced to retire from that position, after a serious stroke in 2012. June continued to reside in New York Mills at her much beloved Home Sweet Home assisted living center, in spite of her declining health. September of 2015 she moved to the Golden Living Center of Henning.

June's hobbies included: reading, watching birds, playing accordion, listening to sporting events on the radio or listening to music of all varieties and years of dancing with her favorite dance partner, husband Paul. They were well known on the dance floor for their smooth style and grace and even featured in the Ironworld Polka Museum Hall of Fame. June loved all of her years on the farm, naming her many cattle, sheep and turkeys and spent hours with her "pets". She also raised a massive flower, fruit and vegetable garden every season storing up its bounty each fall. But, most especially, she loved being a mother and grandmother. She spent hours reading to her children and playing and teaching them games (she was a fierce Yahtzee opponent), sewing their clothes, and teaching them to garden, farm and care for the animals, how to dance, pray and of course, all about Jesus. June was a fantastic prayer warrior, too. June taught religious education for many years at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton MN. Some of her happiest times were the many hours of reading to the children, listening to their stories and sharing hugs with all of the children she encountered in her 10 years as Grandma June at Heart of the Lakes. To her delight and surprise she received The President's Volunteer Service Award, the Perham Area Outstanding Citizen

Award and was even nominated one of six finalist for the Catholic Charities USA 2006 National Volunteer Award.

June was a member of or volunteered for: The Wadena Concert Association, Tri County Hospital Hospice, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Christian Mothers, Wadena VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program, Friends of the Library of New York Mills and founding member of the Rainbow Widows Group. June actively recruited for other volunteers to take part in these programs.

June was preceded in death by her husband Paul; parents; sister Ethel; brother-in-law Elroy; and step-grandson Andy Hansen.

She is survived by her children, Paul, Lori Alan, Joleen (Roger) Porter, Perry, Bonnie Kingsley, Angi (Lyle) Hansen, Patrick (Shona Kurzenberger), Cami (Neal) Apfelbeck, Becky (Larry) Shultz, 17 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials will be set up for the Christian Mothers Association and Heart of The Lakes Elementary.

Pallbearers will be Paul R. Stafki, Matthew Porter, Chad Shultz, Jacob Kingsley, Dominick Stafki and Luke Nolte.

Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Bluffton, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery

310 Main St.  
Bluffton, MN 56518

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Visitation

NOV 16. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
310 Main St.  
Bluffton, MN 56518

## Service

NOV 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
310 Main St.  
Bluffton, MN 56518



# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of June Stafki



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 13, 2015 at 06:14 PM

ME

“ Prayers and thoughts to you all, Missy Engebretson



Melissa - November 19, 2015 at 07:46 AM

BF

“ Bonnie Boe And Family lit a candle in memory of June Stafki



Bonnie Boe and family - November 16, 2015 at 03:58 PM

BB

“ *Brian And Bonnie Boe lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



**Brian and Bonnie Boe** - November 16, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SA

“ *Shelbey Arneson lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



**Shelbey Arneson** - November 16, 2015 at 08:58 AM

BS

“ *June was truly an inspiration to us all, despite her challenges here on earth she kept a positive, loving, caring attitude. She will be dearly missed as one of our family here at Home Sweet Home and we were truly blessed to have her in our lives! Thank you for sharing her with us.*



**Brent & Missy Steinbach** - November 16, 2015 at 07:29 AM

AH

*Missy, she equally loved all of you and her beloved Home Sweet Home! Thank you for all your love and care for her there. Angi Hansen*

**Angela Hansen** - November 16, 2015 at 06:35 PM

BS

“ Brent & Missy Steinbach lit a candle in memory of June Stafki



Brent & Missy Steinbach - November 16, 2015 at 07:26 AM

BK

“ Mom you looked so pretty and peaceful today. I hope you enjoyed our stories and songs. Until we meet again .....and I know you are still praying and Thank You for that! You will be greatly missed here on earth, but we are so glad you finally got home! Love you!  
Bonnie



Bonnie Kingsley - November 15, 2015 at 09:58 PM

BS

“ Brent & Missy Steinbach lit a candle in memory of June Stafki



Brent & Missy Steinbach - November 15, 2015 at 05:23 PM

GC

“ June was a great friend. I will miss her a lot.  
Gladys Chase



Gladys Chase - November 15, 2015 at 12:10 PM

MH

“ For at least 10 years, I worked with June with the Summer Religion program at St. John's in Bluffton. I enjoyed working with June for she was happy all the time. May she rest in peace and I know she is smiling down at us as she is enjoying her new home in Heaven.  
Marge Harrison

Marge Mohs- Harrison - November 14, 2015 at 10:59 PM

MH

“ Marge Mohs- Harrison lit a candle in memory of June Stafki



Marge Mohs- Harrison - November 14, 2015 at 10:54 PM

PD

“ To all of June's family:  
It was such a pleasure to know and visit with June at Home Sweet Home. She was always so positive and happy. She always said she must have unfinished business with all she was dealing with for God not to take her in his arms and bring her home. I guess he finally decided he needs her more that we do. She will surely be missed. God bless you all.



Peggy DuMont - November 14, 2015 at 11:02 AM

AH

“ *Angela Hansen lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



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**Angela Hansen** - November 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM

DA

*Mom, there are not words to express how much you have meant to me and how much I will miss you. You will be forever in my heart. Love from your "favorite daughter", Angi*

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**daughter Angi** - November 14, 2015 at 11:15 AM

BS

*I never saw her without a smile on her face! She had such an incredible faith and it was a delight to be around her. My mother (RIP) loved her. Thank you, family, for being there and taking such good care of her! Love to you all.*

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**Barbara Stafki** - November 16, 2015 at 10:19 AM

SC

*We have been away from home since Nov. 10 so were unable to attend her services. We will miss Aunt June and have many wonderful memories of her and Uncle Paul! Our love to you all.*

*Sheldon & Cookie*

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**Sheldon & Cookie** - November 22, 2015 at 06:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of June Stafki.*



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November 14, 2015 at 08:56 AM

NP

“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



Nancy Peterson - November 14, 2015 at 08:05 AM



“ *Todd Orr lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



Todd Orr - November 14, 2015 at 06:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of June Stafki.*



November 13, 2015 at 10:24 PM

KA

“ *Kathy lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



kathy - November 13, 2015 at 09:22 PM



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



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November 13, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ *Mom...just to see this smiling face cheers me. I know you are in heaven, but I already miss your laughter and rolling eyes when we say and do silly things which with this group was all the time. I am sad to know I will not hear the sound of your voice this side of heaven any longer, but I know you are Home....Home At Last-- praise the Lord..rest in peace beautiful mother of mine...my beloved Junie Tunes.*



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**youngest child~ Becky~** - November 13, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ *Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



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**Marcy Collins** - November 13, 2015 at 04:52 PM

Kim  
Durbin-  
Rudloff

“ *Sending prayers to comfort the family during this time.* ”



Kim Durbin-Rudloff - November 13, 2015 at 10:21 AM

JB

“ *Jan Breuer lit a candle in memory of June Stafki* ”



Jan Breuer - November 13, 2015 at 10:19 AM

SW

“ *Steve And Ellen Wallgren lit a candle in memory of June Stafki* ”



Steve and Ellen Wallgren - November 13, 2015 at 09:27 AM

RH

“ *Ralph & MaryAnn Haman lit a candle in memory of June Stafki* ”



Ralph & MaryAnn Haman - November 13, 2015 at 08:07 AM

DA

“ *Diane Schiller Anderson lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



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**Diane Schiller Anderson** - November 12, 2015 at 09:19 PM

KH

“ *Karen And LeRoy Haman lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



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**Karen and LeRoy Haman** - November 12, 2015 at 07:14 PM

ME

“ *Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



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**Margaret & Peter Van Erp** - November 12, 2015 at 06:25 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



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**Mike and Lea Snyder** - November 12, 2015 at 06:12 PM

DS

“ *Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of June Stafki*



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**Dan and Deb Sweere** - November 12, 2015 at 04:52 PM