



June Schweer

June 4, 1920 - July 4, 2017

June was born in Manette Washington, across the bridge from Bremerton in the Seattle area. The middle child of Harry and Harriette Martin. She had an older sister, Jean, and a younger brother, Grant. Her father owned the local general store. She graduated from high school in Manette and attended the University of Washington. In 1940, she married Bill Schweer, another Manette resident. Bill was working as a diesel engineer, running the engine on one of the Seattle ferries. When WWII broke out in 1941, Bill joined the Navy. From that point on, June led the life of a Navy bride.

Bill was immediately sent to the submarine base at Key West, FL. This was the beginning of an almost Dizzying series of moves. In the following 28 years, Bill and June lived in these places, in this order: Bethesda, MD, Newport, RI, Key West (again), Santa Anna, CA, Cavite, Phillipines, Newport, RI (again), Balboa, Panama Canal, Virginia Beach, VA, and finally, Hawthorne, NV.

Along the way, June and Bill had three children: Kurt, Steve, and Cindy. With three children in tow, Navy life could get complicated. More than once, Bill would be sent to a new duty station, take command of his ship, weigh anchor, and sail away! ... leaving June to find a place to live, move in, get the kids in school, and everything else. But June was resourceful and capable, and always maintained her sense of humor and positive attitude. So even though

moving every two or three years was a chore, June, being inquisitive and outgoing, always immersed herself in whatever foreign culture she found herself in. When Bill was stationed ashore, as Commanding Officer of his base, June functioned as the social hostess, or 'first lady' of the base. She moved back and forth between these roles with aplomb.

She found time for many hobbies and interests: weaving ceramics, photography, jewelry casting. She even hosted her own weekly TV show, which aired on the Armed Forces Network TV station in the Panama Canal Zone. It was called, "Fun Fare" and celebrated and informed about local arts and crafts.

After 28 years of this lifestyle, Bill retired. Not sure about where to retire, they traveled the est. Stopping in Leeds, UT to admire the view, they noticed a "For Sale" sign on a house. They bought it and remained there for the rest of their lives, over 40 years.

She died on July 4th, in her own home. She is survived by one son, Steve of Ann Arbor, MI and her good friends and caregivers, Glenn Stanley and Norma Turner. She led a wonderfully full and interesting life. She will be missed.

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“ Steve sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Her kindness to me is a sweet memory. I also remember your father with fondness. He showed me his beetle collection. They were like jewels. I know from experience that this is the beginning of a wonderful journey for your mother

Best Wishes

Louise Leavitt Engstrom

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