



Margaret "June" Smith

April 14, 1922 - April 16, 2015

Margaret "June" Smith, age 93 of Albia, went to be with her Heavenly Father on April 16, 2015 at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

June was born April 14, 1922 to John and Margaret (Davison) Gay in Rizerville, Iowa. She attended Albia High School. June married Charles "Pete" Smith on Sunday, April 14, 1940 at the Monroe County Courthouse. To this union 4 children were born, Faith, Hope, Pamela Rae, and Diane. Together, June and Pete shared 39 years of marriage together until his passing in March of 1980.

After high school June and Pete moved to Gary, Indiana where she was a welder for Youngstown Welding until 1948 when they moved back to Avery, Iowa. Her church was like 2nd home. She joined the Avery United Methodist Church and was baptized in 1955. She worked with the MYF. Her car was always full of kids, taking them skating at Moravia and Ottumwa. She taught Sunday school and was superintendent for many years. She was also a Girl Scout Leader and helped with 4-H. June was President of the PTO and performed in the minstrel one year at the Avery school. She worked at the Box Factory, Maloney's, Behnke, Monroe Plastics, and Maytag She retired as a custodian from Grant School. She loved being around the kids. She belonged to and worked hard for the Hospital Auxiliary where she helped in the gift shop. She volunteered at the Extension Service. June was a member of the

Garden Club, Women's Club, RSVP, WSCS, and SHARE Program. She sang with Sweet Adelines and went to London to perform. June belonged to Pleasant Corners Ladies Aide. She had a large garden and enjoyed canning. Her real passion later in life was her Dalhias. She loved making fudge for friends and family.

June is survived by her 3 daughters, Diane (Phil) Whitson of Albia, Hope (Don) Brouk of Clive, and Faith (Darrell) Carter of Avery; 7 grandchildren, Cheri (Jim) Kasella, Chris Whitson, Amy (Scott) Kutchen, Jay (Christine) Polson, Jill (Simon La Flamme) Polson, Clint (Brooke) Carter, Scott (Nickie) Carter; 11 great grandchildren, Charlie and Olivia Kasella, Pete Kutchen, June and John Polson, Logan, Caelynn, Raegan, Tucker, Kylie, and Hayden, Carter; sisters, Gloria (Joe) Steinback and Kathryn Kwiatkowski; brother-in-law, Floyd Caster and also many nieces, nephews. She touched many hearts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret; her husband Pete, daughter in infancy, Pamela Rae, a brother in infancy Donnie, her brother John; and a sister Adrina.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Sheri Arnold officiating. Burial will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with June's family present from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Avery United Methodist Church or an open memorial has been established to June's family.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.tharpfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret "June" Smith*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *June I know you are in heaven thats no doubt. You were the kindess person IV'E known. Thank you for watching out for my MOM in the nursing home.ok let you go as Iknow you r busy. See you later I hope. Pauline.*

Pauline steinbach - Des Moines, IA - April 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *If you lived in Avery in the '50s and '60s, then you knew June and Pete. As a child and teen during that time, I have memories of June working at Bible school, helping with the joint Easter breakfast when held at the Avery church, Avery school functions, and Halloween. She was always kind to me. My sympathies to Diane, Hope and Faith and families.*

Diana Newquist Parson - Ottumwa, IA - Friend - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Diane, Hope and Faith what a wonderful and lovely lady and mother June was. I regret that I am not able to come to her visitation or service to share in her memory. What a wonderful childhood we all had with your mother and my mother always being there for us. I will always remember and cherish the memories of our growing up years in Avery. My thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of such a great loss.

Your friend always, Linda

Linda Lane Hopkins - Iowa City, IA - Friend - April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I grew up in Avery from 2nd grade on. June is one the sweetest lady. Always so nice to everyone. I remember attending church with John Peterson and June was always there to welcome me. She was definitely one of a kind. So sorry for the families loss.

Melodie (Grimm) Post - IA - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ June was a beautiful ,loving caring lady.An angel in my eyes. So kind and a beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and siblings.Pauline MCGinn Steinbach Des Moines Iowa

Pauline MCGinn Steinbach - des moines, IA - friend - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“Beautiful June.....always the most gracious lady. I will never forget how special she made me feel any time I spent in her home. I am thankful for my friendship, of many years, with Diane that gave me the opportunity to know June. R.I.P. Sweet June. (((HUGS))) to Diane, Hope and Faith and their families. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Rose and Larry Lennie

Rose Lennie - Albia, IA - Friend - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ As a child in Avery, I have fond memories of June and Pete and their family. Hope was my age and she and Linda Lane would often include me in their play. I remember June as a warm and friendly mother who would welcome the friends of their children into their home. Avery, like many small towns of the 50's, was a safe and great place to be a child. I recall that, whenever someone in the community passed away, we would go from house to house collecting money for flowers or a memorial. The only store was a important place for the purchase of penny candy. The big school at the edge of town (with it's 1 bus garage) was a fun place to learn. Whether it was with Mrs. Gray in the "little room" or with Mrs. Liggett in the "big room". Mrs. Liggett would take us girls home with her to bake cookies (especially the crazy surprise cookie). And who can forget the plays and graduations that took place upstairs in the auditorium. As well as the pie suppers and the library on that 2nd story.

June, like my other memories of Avery, hold a special place in my heart. I see she lived a long and useful life. I'm so glad her family had that time with her. My own mother passed 3 years ago so my thoughts and prayers are with the girls and their families.

Terri Laws Miller

Terri Laws Miler - Bloomfield, IA - friend - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Rose Lennie - Albia, IA - Friend - April 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ So sorry for your loss. June was such a lovely caring lady. She will be missed.

Kara Sager - albia, IA - neighbor - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Thank you for everything I have many amazing memories from when I was little. Until we meet again June Rip you are forever missed

chelsea francis - eddyville, IA - friend - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ When I moved to Avery ,Iowa June loved my two children has her own grandchildren. My children call her their Cookie grandma, because they would c go to June's n that's what she gave them for treats. Loved her like a mother. Will miss u so every much June . Until we meet again. Ron said the must beautiful Lady in the world. Always had a big heart for everyone.

Vickie DeMoss n Ron DE Moss - Albia , IA - Friend - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sorry for your loss. June was a wonderful lady.

Betty Thompson - albia , IA - friend - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ June was the sweetest person ever. Sorry, Diane, Faith, Hope and families for your loss. She will be with so many people she loves now also. Able to tend to Heaven's flowers and gardens. Praying for strength to get through your loss. Love ya, June see ya when I get there!

Tammy Courtney - Oskaloosa, IA - friend - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I'm sorry to hear of June's passing. I'll always remember her as a caring woman who always made every Avery kid feel special and all she did for the church. While I'll most remember her for her big heart, the truth is, the first memory that came to mind was how she'd always be in costume for Halloween and have some of the best treats an Avery trick-or-treater could hope for. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you guys.
Steve

Steve Woodhouse - Knoxville, IA - Friend - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ RIP Junie B

Alicia - IA - care giver - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ June was such a sweet lady and friend to all she met. She touched and added to every life she graced!

Dianne Davis - Albia, IA - friend - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM