



Catherine June Dunk

August 10, 1925 - December 12, 2019

Catherine June Dunk, of Savanna, Illinois, passed away December 12, 2019, at JourneyCare in Barrington, Illinois.

She was born August 10, 1925 in Hopedale, Illinois to William B. Haas and Henrietta Schmitt. Her mother, grandmother, and two sisters died in a tragic auto accident when she was four. She spent many happy summers with her aunts and uncles in Henry, Illinois.

Her father remarried and she has five siblings: Margaret (Peggy) Kuntzleman of Sun City West, AZ; Mary Schneider, of Fort Myers Beach, FL; Helen Adams, of Sun City West, AZ; Kaye (Jim) Norris, of Thompson, IL; and William Haas, of Mt. Carroll, IL. She graduated from Mt. St. Clare Academy and further attended Mt. St. Clare College for a year of business school through 1944. She received additional training as a medical stenographer at Camp Crowder, Missouri, and subsequently trained other medical stenographers at Schick Hospital in Clinton, Iowa, in using shorthand to record doctors' notes during surgery. With World War II raging on, she answered the national call and left Clinton to work in the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

In Washington she met her future husband, Richard (Dick) J. Dunk, and moved to Clinton, Iowa. On January 31, 1948, they were married in St. John's Catholic Church in Savanna. While working as a stenographer and secretary for the Milwaukee Road, June (and Dick) had four sons, Robert (Cathy), Terrence (Jennifer), Stephen (Donna), and Randall (Tamara). As the railroad wound down in Savanna, she left the railroad and worked as a secretary at the Ammunition School of the Savanna Army Depot, finally retiring in 1988.

In retirement she worked at the Great River Garden Center in Savanna for another sixteen or seventeen years, doing everything from creating flower arrangements to retail sales for son Terry.

For many years she was the organist and director of the Resurrection Choir for her beloved church. Some of the many other hats she wore include cribbage and card partner,

golfer, knit-wit and shawl ministry member of St. John's Catholic Women. Several times a week she and her card-playing buddies could be found at Shivers, Manny's, or one another's house. She also kept the librarians at the Savanna Library busy helping her select her next novel, as she was a voracious reader. She and her self-described fellow knit-wits knitted and donated an untold number of tiny caps for premature infants.

She loved her grandkids, including annual summer visits, having them walk across the field and through the neighborhood for a visit, or having them stop by on a bike ride with their mom. She has ten grandchildren: David (Tara) Greenmeyer, Kristin (Brian) Quisenberry, Katy (Keith) Edmonds, Nicholas Dunk, Ryan Dunk, Hannah Dunk, Bryan (Amber) Dunk, Melissa (Thomas) Foster, Nathan Dunk, and Jacob Dunk. And she has five great-grandchildren: Rachel Greenmeyer, David Quisenberry, Kensington & Kollin Edmonds, and Ethan Russo.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Henrietta Haas; father, William Haas; two sisters, Marjorie and Rosemary; two brothers; her Step-Mother Margaret Haas; and her husband, Richard.

She is survived by her sisters Margaret (Peggy) Kuntzleman, Mary Schneider, Helen Adams, Kaye (Jim) Norris, and brother William Haas; and her children.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 20, 2019, at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Savanna, IL, from 4:00 – 7:00 pm and Saturday, December 21st from 9:30 -10:00 am. A funeral mass will be held at St. John's Catholic Church in Savanna, IL, on Saturday, December 21, 2019, at 10:30 am.

Burial in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Savanna will follow the funeral.

Memorial contributions will be made in June's memory to the Savanna Christmas Food Basket Fund, the Savanna Children's Fund, or the Thrift Store Savanna. Contributions can be sent to Terry Dunk, c/o Law-Jones Funeral Home, 309 Chicago Ave., Savanna, IL 61074.

Cemetery

Events

St. John's Catholic Cemetery

Savanna, IL, 61074

DEC 20 Visitation 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Law Jones Funeral Home - Savanna
309 Chicago Ave, Savanna, IL, US, 61074

DEC 21 Visitation 09:30AM - 10:00AM

Law Jones Funeral Home - Savanna
309 Chicago Ave, Savanna, IL, US, 61074

DEC 21 Funeral Mass 10:30AM

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church- Savanna
318 Chicago Ave., Savanna, IL, US, 61074

Comments



“ 1 file added to the album June and Perry T



Perry Thostenson - December 19, 2019 at 10:59 PM



“ Our family moved to Savanna when I was 9 years old. We moved next door to June, Dick and boys. It was not until Terry had his flower shop for sale when I told June the story of the days their boys and my brothers got in trouble for water being sprayed into one of the bedrooms. I finally told her it had been me doing the spraying of the water. We had a good laugh that day. She said it was still hard for her to believe I would do anything like that. She was an amazing lady and will surely be missed by so many. Love to the many family and friends. LaVona and Bob Grissinger.

LaVona Grissinger - December 19, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ Penny McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Catherine June Dunk



Penny McGinnis - December 18, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ To June's Family, Your mom was such an impressive woman! While I knew some of her history, her obit was both impressive and interesting. She was a woman definitely ahead of her time. She was a woman of character, kindness, with a wonderful sense of humor. I know my mom always considered her a friend. So sorry for your loss. She left a wonderful legacy with all of you.

Freddie Preston - December 17, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ Such a sweet, kind, caring person. I remember her as the grandma to Hannah, Nathan and Jacob. Cherish your memories of her. My sympathies to the families.

Sandy Gabriel - December 17, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine June Dunk.



December 16, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy to all of June's family. Thinking of all of you. Merrill and Judy Beck



Judy Beck - December 16, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Jan/Martin Altensey lit a candle in memory of Catherine June Dunk



Jan/Martin Altensey - December 16, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ You have our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and friend. After reading all about her on the obit page, we realized what an amazing lady she was and how much we did not know about her. None the less, what we did know was that she was a wonderful lady, friendly, caring, and always gave you a hello and how are you and a big smile. She will be missed by many in Savanna and especially all parishners of St. John's. May she rest in peace. June is a great loss to many but a wonderful gain for heaven above. Thoughts and prayers are with all of her family. Jan & Marty Altensey

Jan/Martin Altensey - December 16, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Dunk family. Our deepest sympathies to all the family. Blessings for sweet and loving memories of your dear loved one. David and Pat Quisenberry

pat quisenberry - December 18, 2019 at 01:48 PM