



June L. Mason

June 22, 1929 - December 20, 2018

June L. Mason, 89, of Traverse City passed away December 20, 2018 in the comfort of her own home with her beloved daughters at her side.

June was born on June 22, 1929 in Battle Creek to the late Leon Stark and Lila (Oversmith) Tallman.

On December 27, 1947 June married the love of her life, Verle L. Mason. Verle was a student at the University of Michigan and June was studying at Michigan State University when they met. For their first date, they attended a Michigan football game. It was love at first sight. After a short courtship the two married and shared over 51 wonderful years together.

June was an environmentalist and an oil and gas consultant. She was instrumental in hydrocarbon exploration for the city of Traverse City which resulted in oil and natural gas production, which continues today. June was also a nutritionist at Oak Park Elementary School for many years. Not one to sit idle, even in her retirement, she opened River Ridge Assisted Living in her 70's.

She had a vast knowledge of birds and plants and led tours throughout the world. Tour destinations included Australia/New Zealand, Iceland, Sweden, Jamaica/Trinidad/Tobago. She was a lifetime member of the Michigan Audubon Society. Additionally, she shared her extensive knowledge with students at NMC throughout the years. She was fondly referred to as "Mother Nature".

She was a 40 + year breast and lymphoma cancer survivor.

June will be remembered for her feisty spirit and extensive wealth of knowledge which she shared with many. Even in her absence she would want everyone to simply "Carry On"!

June is survived by her loving daughters Heather and Debbie and sister Betty (Albert)

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June was preceded in death by her parents, husband Verle and siblings Duane, Nevene, Nona and Stan.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be directed to the Cherryland Humane Society.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Comments



“ A very special lady. I will miss my Aunt June.

Gail Drake - January 17, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ I moved next door to June and Verle with my folks in 1957 at the age of 11 and within a week they became Aunt June and Uncle Verle and have remained so to this day, always there when I needed them and became more like my parents as time went on. Jeanne and I will miss them greatly. We will be here to help Heather and Debbie in any way we can.

Ken and Jeanne Robinson

KEN ROBINSON - December 23, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ Heather & Debbie,
I remember as a teenager your mom showing me all the wild birds at your feeders. So many I had never even seen before. I was instantly a bird lover convert and I have been feeding birds ever since, but I have never had the number and the amount of different species as your folks had at their feeders. I was so excited about all the birds your mom thought I was just being silly. When she realized I truly was fascinated she told me details about each bird, especially the Rose Breasted Gross beak. My favorite bird to this day. I will always, always remember both your mom and dad. You two were so blessed to have them as parents. Hugs to both of you.

Gerianne Condra Street - December 22, 2018 at 10:15 PM



“ Debbie & Heather,

Your mother always struck me as very bright, learned and interesting. I enjoyed our conversations and visits in Florida.

Many blessings to your family, her sister included, and my sympathies to you all,

Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson - December 22, 2018 at 09:19 PM