



## June Marie Chambers Kukura

May 31, 1937 - July 6, 2015

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the strength to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

June Marie Chambers Kukura, born on May 31, 1937, went to Heaven for peace and comfort after suffering for several years with various illnesses on July 6th.

Mom was born in Scarsdale, NY and was welcomed into the afterlife by her parents, twin sister Joan, infant daughter Rose Ellen, and many other relatives and friends. She was very strong, beautiful, devoted, caring, and loving. Mom loved the color blue, music, singing, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, attending cultural and art events, Blenko, quilts, helping at schools, attending grandchildren’s soccer, basketball, and football games, swimming meets, and chess tournaments, writing poems and acrostics, working on crossword puzzles, making special cards for family and friends, eating chocolate, buying and giving special and beautiful gifts, but mostly she loved her children and grandchildren. Mom volunteered for decades in various positions and levels with community groups and organizations including the Community Music Association, the West Virginia Symphony, Girl Scouts, Birthright, the Walnut Hills Swim Club, the Mount Holyoke College Foundation, and AAUW. Last year she was recognized for her decades of volunteering by the Community Music Association. She also worked as a substitute teacher, tutor, and

computer programmer.

She is survived by her ever loving husband of 54 years, John Frank “Buddy” Kukura, who took extra special care of her, and their children and grandchildren: daughter Mary and Bob Straw, their children Brendan and Emer; son John and Kelli Hill Kukura, their children Katelin and John Cole; daughter Anne and Roger Burdette, their children Roger and Andrew; daughter Kathryn and Jimmy Sayre, their child Kristen; daughter Alicia and Rick Miles, their children Colin, Morgan, Evan, and Ian; and son Michael and friend Eryn Sutphin. She is also survived by her sisters: Claire and Jim Stanley, Anne and Craig Swanson, and sister in law Barbara Kumpf, nieces and nephews, all of their families, and special friends. She attended Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, the University of Utah, and the College of Saint Mary-Of-The-Wasatch in Utah, where she was the year book editor, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Later, Mom earned a master’s degree from The West Virginia College of Graduate Studies.

The family gives many thanks for the care and attention given to her by the loving assistants, nurses, and staff at Broadmore Assisted Living, especially Carol, and the comfort care provided by the Hubbard Hospice House team. Thanks to Father Pat and Steve Cullen from St. Francis and we give a special recognition of gratitude to Alicia for her extra care and help over the past several years. In lieu of flowers, we suggest donations be made to a local Birthright chapter, or St. Francis of Assisi school.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am Saturday at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, St. Albans with Rev. Father Patrick M. McDonough as celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Patrick’s Catholic Cemetery, Scott Depot.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

You may share memories or condolences with the family at [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans, WV 25177 is honored to serve the Kukura family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Joyce Road  
Scott Depot, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
1023 Sixth Avenue  
St. Albans, WV 25177

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# Tribute Wall



“ June Marie Chambers Kukura

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.

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**Kan. Co. Retired School Employees** - July 22, 2015 at 08:46 AM

KS

“ My name is Shirley Smuckler. I met June and her twin sister, Joan, when we were 12 years old. My first day of school was the day that their baby sister, Ann Elizabeth, was born. How fortunate we were to have a 66 year friendship. We enjoyed Girl Scouts together, teen parties, school programs, and wonderful companionship. Joan, June, and I gave each other cute southern names like Blossom and Lulu Belle just for fun. We'd pretend to have southern accents. June was not only our class valedictorian but always a power of example for our special group of friends in school.

We were close friends throughout high school, during college years, as young marrieds, and into our later years, keeping in touch by letter, by phone, or during several visits. June was not only bright but caring and thoughtful, filled with seemingly boundless energy. She was a wonderful hostess bringing us to the various glass places in West Virginia.

In scouting we had a song "Make new friends and keep the old. One is silver and the other gold". June's friendship is more precious than gold and she shall live in my heart and mind forever.

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**kathryn sayre** - July 15, 2015 at 08:59 AM

CS

“ The members of the board of the Charleston Chamber Music Society send their sincere condolences to the family and friends of our former member.



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**charleston Chamber Music Society** - July 11, 2015 at 02:21 PM

KS

*Mom did so many things, I forgot she was a member. I know she enjoyed going to concerts, I also enjoyed going with her when I was able. Thanks. Kathryn*

**Kathryn Sayre** - July 15, 2015 at 08:50 AM

EC

*“ Prayers and sympathy for June's family...I enjoyed volunteering at Birthright with June and attending school and sports functions at St. Francis. She was a wonderful lady. Ellen A. Creamer and family.*

**Ellen Creamer** - July 10, 2015 at 01:46 PM

BH

*“ Bill Heess purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of June Marie Chambers Kukura.*



**Bill Heess** - July 09, 2015 at 09:17 AM

BN

*“ Barbara Neal lit a candle in memory of June Marie Chambers Kukura*



**Barbara Neal** - July 08, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of June Marie Chambers Kukura.*



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July 08, 2015 at 01:16 PM



“ *To Kathryn and family: Thinking about you at this sad time. Please accept our sympathy for your loss.*

*Gina Miles Caudill, Andrew, Grace, Dalton, and Philip*

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**gina** - July 08, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *To Anne and Roger Burdette and the boys: So, so sorry for your loss. Please know that the Caudill family are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Gina Miles Caudill, Andrew, Grace, Dalton, and Philip*

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**gina** - July 08, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ *To my brother Rick, my sister-in-law Alicia, and to my niece Morgan, nephews, Colin, Ian, and Evan. I am so sorry for your loss. I know she will be missed greatly. Alicia, she was blessed to have you there for her.*

*Andrew, Grace, Philip, Dalton and I send our love and sympathy.*

*Gina Miles Caudill*

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**Gina** - July 08, 2015 at 12:08 PM

CT

“ Craig and Mary, Paul and Tara purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of June Marie Chambers Kukura.



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**Craig and Mary, Paul and Tara** - July 08, 2015 at 11:13 AM

PH

“ Alicia- We are thinking and praying for you and your extended family during this difficult time. We know this is a tremendous loss to each and everyone of you and please know that we are there with you in mind and spirit. All of our love- Paris & Angie

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**Paris Hudnall** - July 08, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of June Marie Chambers Kukura.



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July 08, 2015 at 09:09 AM

TC

“ God will comfort your needs, hold you tight and give you peace. God Bless you all,  
Love and Prayer, Gary, Tami, Ethan Cox and Emily and Dakota Haynes.

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**Tami Cox** - July 08, 2015 at 08:49 AM

TP

“ *Trish Price lit a candle in memory of June Marie Chambers Kukura*



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**Trish Price** - July 08, 2015 at 08:47 AM

FO

“ *John and family, It is with real sadness that we send our condolences on Junes passing. We have many fond memories of you and June while we lived on S. Walnut St. She was always very kind and good-hearted. We hope that you are feeling well yourself.*  
*Frank and Eileen Orlando*

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**frank orlando** - July 08, 2015 at 06:46 AM

TF

“ *Please accept our very dearest sympathies in the loss of your wife and Mother. I had the honor of serving on several committees of McKinley Jr High and St. Albans High with both June and John and my children attended school with your children. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**The Hypes Family** - July 08, 2015 at 05:26 AM