



June Annette Riley

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June Annette Riley, 78, of Bentonville, AR passed away Sunday, June 4, 2017 at Circle of Life Legacy Village Hospice. She was born June 2, 1939 in Ladelle, AR. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Leroy and Eunice McDaniel Blake and two brothers, James and Dean Blake. June was raised in McGhee, AR and was class president of her senior class in 1957. She graduated from University of Arkansas at Monticello with a degree in education in 1961. In 1963, June married Jack at the Dermott Baptist Church. They lived in North Little Rock, Camden, and Pine Bluff where they raised their children, Blake and Rebecca. Together, Jack and June moved to Bentonville six years ago, where they have loved meeting new friends and being closer to family. June was an English teacher for over 35 years. She taught in Hobbs, New Mexico; Old Main High School in North Little Rock; Pine Bluff High School and for 28 years at Watson Chapel High School. June loved teaching, enjoyed her students, and made lifelong friendships with her peers. June was known for her strict teaching style and great sense of humor. A former student once gifted her lightning bolt, which she proudly displayed above her blackboard. Should a student attempt to take a quick nap, they may be startled to feel the breeze of the lightning bolt buzzing by. Many of her students have kept in touched over the years and we are proud of her accomplishments and the lives she influenced. She loved reading and writing poetry. Her grandchildren have received hand written cards, notes, letters, poems, and short stories by her that will be cherished for years. She was a loyal friend with a big heart, still maintaining friendships since kindergarten, high school, college, and beyond. Friends from the past and newer friends became like family and they will remain precious to us always. June was a faithful member of Watson Chapel Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, AR and First Baptist Church of Bentonville. She taught Sunday school and participated in many children and youth special activities. We, her family, will miss June, Mom, Mamaw, Mimi, deeply, however we know she is with her



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heavenly Father and we will be with her again one day. June is survived by her husband of 53 years, Jack Riley; one son, Blake Riley and wife, Lisa of Rogers, AR; one daughter, Rebecca Barkhuizen and husband, Louis of Austin, TX and seven grandchildren. Sid Riley, Madeline Riley, Claudia Riley, Braydon Riley, Hunter Riley, Camille Barkhuizen and Anna Grace Barkhuizen. Everyone who met June, knew how proud she was of her family. She often shared stories of her grandchildren and their accomplishments, as well as funny stories. Blake and Rebecca often joked with her how much she loved her daughter and son in law, our spouses and her grandchildren are our great accomplishment. Lisa and Louis were like a second set of children. June told us all many times how much she loved our spouses and how they were the best at everything! Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to a ministry dear to June's heart, Operation Christmas Child - ShoeBox Gift at Watson Chapel Baptist Church, 5514 Pinnacle Lane, Pine Bluff, AR, 71603, or at First Baptist Church, 220 S Main St, Bentonville, AR 72712. Funeral services will be at 11:00AM, Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Stockdale-Moody Funeral Chapel in Rogers with Rev. Benny Thompson officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00AM until service time. Graveside services will be at 1:00PM, Thursday, June 8th, 2017 at Dermott Cemetery in Dermott, Arkansas.



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PS

Patsy Mc Scavo posted:

So very sorry to read of June's passing.....I remember how close we were as friends at McGehee High School and how we loved the music of our time ,our small town relationships and school events.....She was a delight to all who knew her.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Grandma's Garden Table Basket was sent by Brad and Jenny Hodges on June 5, 2017

April 23 at 5:06 AM

SG

Scott Green posted:

A candle was lit by Scott green on June 5, 2017 4:00 PM

April 23 at 5:06 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Grandma's Garden Table Basket was ordered on June 5, 2017

April 23 at 5:06 AM

SG

Scott Green posted:

Jack, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your wife. You and the family will be in my prayers.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

AS

Anne Bowman Sloan posted:

.. so many memories of McGehee..... MHS..... I remember a particular 'bunking' [slumber] party at June Blake's house ;-)We will all join again in the heavenly realm....

April 23 at 5:06 AM



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JP

James And Ann Parker posted:

Jack, we are so very sorry. June was such a wonderful lady who was loved by all. We will pray for you.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

TB

Tracie Blake posted:

She was such a special lady. I love her and will miss her so much. My heart is broken but I have no doubt that my daddy greeted her in Heaven with a huge grin on his face.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

MB

Mary Ann Burgess posted:

A candle was lit by Mary Ann Burgess on June 5, 2017 4:54 PM

April 23 at 5:06 AM

SB

Scott, Mary Ann And Lauren Burgess posted:

Blake...So very sorry to hear about the passing your mother. Syd, Claudia and Maddie...your grandmother. There are no words to take away your sorrow but you have memories to cherish for a lifetime, to share with friends, family and even strangers. our family knows how precious those are and will continually pray that God provides comfort to your heart.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

AM

Ann Moore posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of my longtime friend, June. She was a wonderful and classy lady. I shared many cups of coffee with her when we both lived in Pine Bluff. My condolences reach out also to Jack, Blake and Rebecca and their sweet families.

April 23 at 5:06 AM



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ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

An Elegance and Simplicity Standing Spray was sent on June 5, 2017 Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May the Love of our Lord fill your heart with peace and comfort. - Angel & Jacquie

April 23 at 5:06 AM

TG

Tracy Bettison Gwin posted:

My thoughts and prayer are with the entire Riley family! Ms. June was an amazing teacher and everyone loved her! God Bless you all...

April 23 at 5:06 AM

DT

Darla Lawson Taylor posted:

Jack, Blake and Rebecca - I am so sorry to read about June today. I enjoyed being her next-door "neighbor" for most of the years I taught at Chapel. She always had a big smile and wonderful things to share about all of you. She was so proud to be your wife and mother. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

DT

Darla Lawson Taylor posted:

A candle was lit by Darla Lawson Taylor on June 5, 2017 9:18 PM

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RW

Rhonda Spadoni - Wilmoth posted:

A candle was lit by Rhonda Spadoni - Wilmoth on June 5, 2017 9:35 PM

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MW

Mike Wilmoth posted:

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MB

Melody (Pote) Bradford posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I had Ms Riley as a teacher at Watson Chapel and have very fond memories of her. I was shy, and she was kind to me. She was strict but had a sparkle in her eye and a good sense of humor, which is so necessary to be a good teacher. All of her friends and family are in my thoughts and prayers.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

T1

Teresa Johnson Howie, Wc 1988 posted:

A candle was lit by Teresa Johnson Howie, WC 1988 on June 6, 2017 12:22 AM

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BM

Brenda Spadoni-Myhand posted:

Jack, Blake, Rebecca, and family, so very sorry for your loss. I still remember back in the day on Avalon when we were neighbors. These were such good times and you were some of the best neighbors. I always enjoyed visiting with June and you Jack. The kids would come to the house and visit with our two. Always well behaved and mannerly June was a jewel and will be missed. May God bless you and give you comfort and peace in the days to come.

April 23 at 5:06 AM

AC

Anne Conery posted:

Jack, I am so very sorry for your loss! June was a very special lady!!! Please know you and your family are in my prayers.

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ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Spathiphyllum was ordered on June 6, 2017

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DG

Dell Wanda Gorman posted:

June was the "Queen of Wit" at Watson Chapel High School. I think it might be rare for a faculty to have the "queen" and a Phil Barranco, a "King" in our sight, at the same time. I was witness, a part of such a phenom. Already they are a legend.

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ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Basket Garden was ordered on June 6, 2017

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TW

Tina (Mccowan) Williams posted:

I am so sorry to hearing of the passing of Ms. Riley. I was one of her students at Watson Chapel High School. She was a wonderful teacher, hard teacher, but you learned. I am so grateful that I was able to be one of the many students she helped to mold into an adult. She will be truly missed.

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ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

An Indoor Garden Basket was ordered on June 6, 2017

April 23 at 5:06 AM

ES

Expression Of Sympathy posted:

A Tropical Dish Garden with Fresh Flowers was ordered on June 6, 2017

April 23 at 5:06 AM

CB

Christy Badgley posted:

A candle was lit by Christy Badgley on June 6, 2017 4:50 PM Jack, I am so very sorry to hear of June's passing. I know she was a special lady. You and your family will be in my prayers and thoughts through this. Love to all, Christy Stewart Badgley Post a reply

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LM

Larry & Beverly Mitchell posted:

Jack-- we are very sorry to hear about June's passing. Sincere condolences to you and your family.

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JL

Joe Lightfoot posted:

Mr. Jack, Blake, and Rebecca (and families), I am so saddened to hear of your loss and will keep you all in my prayers. Ms. June instilled a work ethic in her students, a love for literature, poetry, short stories, etc., and encouraged us all to think creatively, feel what we wrote, share our talents with others, and be humble and kind, yet proud of our God-given talents. Her smile and wit, and the occasional stare down, made my days at WCHS. Some thirty years later, I continue to use what she taught me every day, personally and professionally. She was a teacher, a cheerleader, a friend, a gift. Now I better double check this before I submit, to make sure there are no misspellings or grammatical errors! She would expect - no - she would demand that! Sincere condolences to you all.

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GB

Gregory Burton posted:

I'm saddened to read this. June Riley was one of a kind and one of my favorite teachers of all time. Sometimes, while reading a book, I'll come across a word that I remember being on one of her weekly vocabulary tests; it always makes me smile AND grateful to Mrs. Riley that I know the word's definition! She had a positive influence on so many of her students and was truly beloved by the Watson Chapel High School Class of 1977. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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JM

Jonnie M. Woods Manitzas posted:

Dear Jack, My heart is so saddened by the news of your loss Thank God that her suffering has ended .She is at peace and with her parents and big brothers now. You can bet she has that wonderful smile on her face. I always loved to hear June laugh. When I heard her I was filled with laughter myself. I didn't even have to know why she was laughing, And I didn't care...Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.Jonnie and Nick

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LN

Lisa Garman Norvell posted:

A candle was lit by Lisa Garman Norvell on June 9, 2017 2:31 AM

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BH

Brooke M. Haley posted:

A candle was lit by Brooke M. Haley on June 9, 2017 5:29 PM

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MA

Magnolia, Ar posted:

Ellen Whitelaw

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring June by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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