



June R. Neier

May 29, 1931 - February 1, 2025

June Rosamund Neier, 93, of Highland, Illinois, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2025. A strong, independent, and deeply devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, June – fondly known as “Nanny” – leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, and cherished memories.

June was born on May 29, 1931, in Hillingdon, Middlesex, England, to Edwin John and Winifred Grace Tamplin. In 1956, she met the love of her life, Duane Reinhart Neier, while he was serving in the U.S. Air Force at Denham Air Force Base. She moved to the United States in 1957 to marry Duane, and together they built a life in his hometown of Highland, Illinois. Their marriage spanned over 40 years until Duane’s passing in 1997.

June is survived by her daughters, Susan Frey, Sandy (Arthur) FitzGibbon, and Sharon Hartmann; her grandchildren, Kristina (JR) Maxfield, Kathryn (Billy) Stiegemeier, Meredith (Miles) Hamilton, Jennifer (Max McKaig) FitzGibbon, Melissa Hartmann, and Matthew Hartmann; and her great-grandchildren, Eliza and Maverick Maxfield, and Aiden and Blair Stiegemeier.

Before moving to the U.S., June worked as a dental nurse in England and spent two years as an au pair for a British family in Washington, D.C. She built a rich and fulfilling life, centered around family and the interests she held dear.

June had a deep love for music, taking both piano and singing lessons. She was a competitive bowler and an enthusiastic bridge player, enjoying the strategy and camaraderie the game brought. She continued playing bridge all the way to her passing. An avid reader, she especially loved mystery novels. She was also a gifted baker, and her recipes brought comfort to her family and friends. Her talent for quilting resulted in beautiful quilts for her family and baby quilts for her great-grandchildren that will be treasured for generations.

Dedicated to her community, June was actively involved in several organizations throughout her life. She held leadership roles, including President of the Highland Women's Bowling League and President of the Highland Women's Club.

The third eldest of thirteen siblings, June remained close to her brothers, sisters and extended family throughout her life. She enjoyed her time with all of her siblings.

Surviving siblings include: Sylvia Webb, Margaret Felton, Shirley Thurston, David Tamplin, Roger (Heather) Tamplin, and Wendy Munn.

She was preceded in death by the following siblings and in-laws: Joan (Thomas) Browning, Stanley (Patricia) Tamplin, Edna Schramek, Arthur (Pauline) Tamplin, John Tamplin, Peter Tamplin, and brothers in-law Geoff Webb, Geoff Felton, and Terry Thurston.

June's strength, sharp mind, and deep love for those around her left a lasting impact on all who knew her. While she will be greatly missed, her spirit lives on in the family she held so dearly.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor on February 8, 2025, at the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, Illinois with a visitation at

10:00 am and a celebration of life at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, Illinois or a charity of your choice in June's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical United Church of Christ
2520 Poplar Street
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-7459

Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of June R. Neier.

February 07, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of June R. Neier.



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February 07, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of June R. Neier.



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“ A wonderful wonderful lady and family! Sorry for your loss.

Del Luber - February 06, 2025 at 04:43 PM

CW

“ I met June at the bridge table when Ruby Nelson was running the Edwardsville game. She and I shared a love for the game and we played often and attended several tournaments together. My condolences to her family. What a wonderful lady. Carol Windland

Carol Windland - February 06, 2025 at 11:35 AM

LH

“ Susan, Sandy, Sharon: Loved your parents dearly and have wonderful memories. Your mom was very kind to me growing up and I cherish the memories. Your old Wednesday night bowling babysitter - Linda Good Haase If i didn't live in Tennessee I'd love to see you and your families God Bless and prayers of comfort

Linda Good Haase - February 04, 2025 at 07:02 PM

MI

“ A beautiful aunty and godmother... I always felt a meaningful connection despite the many miles between us. She was such a vital part of the amazing family that I am so lucky and proud to be a part of. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and rest in peace dear Aunty❤️❤️❤️ xxx

michael - February 04, 2025 at 04:16 PM

CD

“ Sandy, Susan, Sharon, my condolences to you and your families. I was privileged to know each one of you. June was a very interesting and lovely lady. May she rest in peace. Love to all of you.

Corine1 Duft - February 04, 2025 at 01:45 PM

PL

“ My deepest thoughts and prayers for June's family and friends. I became a friend of June's through bowling leagues. She was a fabulous bowler and a master at anything she attempted in her life. She was always so fun to talk with and full of enthusiasm. She will definitely be missed by many in the community.

Pam Lecerf - February 04, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MC

“ *Aunty June* ❤️
*Nothing to say except you were amazing.
Our love for you will go on forever.xx*

Michelle Culverhouse - February 04, 2025 at 01:07 PM

DM

“ *Susan and family: I was saddened to hear of your mom's passing. I remember her fondly from our band time, years ago. Especially, when we went to England. Hope you find solace in your memories.
Darlene (Frey) Menietti*

Darlene Menietti - February 04, 2025 at 12:14 PM

TL

“ *To Susan, Sandy, Sharon, and the whole Neier Family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of dear June Neier. She was an honorary mother to all the kids in the St. Paul HS Class of '79. We remember her fondly, always with a smile and joke. Her three fine daughters are her living legacy. We will say special prayers for June and the family at Sunday Mass. We hope you all can gather, share sorry, and share love. Tim & Tracy Luber, Flower Mound, Texas*

TIM LUBER - February 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM

LS

“ *I admire the family bond and strength in love June instilled. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this time. Sending love, Tom and Linda Schmitz.*

Linda Schmitz - February 04, 2025 at 10:58 AM

CL

“ *She was a great lady to talk to. I delivered to her for many years and I'm glad I got a hug from her before she left.*



Christopher T. Loyet - February 03, 2025 at 08:27 PM