



Mrs. June Grove

June 13, 1926 - April 1, 2014

Marjorie June Grove, 87, of Bluffton, passed away at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at her home.

June had been a resident of Bluffton since 1948 and was well-known throughout Wells County for her long association with the News-Banner and for her involvement in community activities.

June had been a feature writer for the News-Banner for nearly 40 years and had written more than 1,000 stories of human interest about people and places in Bluffton and Wells County.

In addition to a weekly feature story, June also regularly wrote humor columns, including "Bumps in the Road" and "A Chat with Bratt." She also wrote many feature stories about children involved with the Wells County Boys & Girls Club.

A highlight of her reporting career came back in May of 1980 when she was given the opportunity to fly in an Indiana Air National Guard F-4 fighter jet with Lt. Col. Joe Briner as part of an interview and story she wrote about the Bluffton pilot.

June was an active participant with the Wells County Boys and Girls Club and served on its executive board for many years. She also spearheaded for many years the local American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" annual fundraiser.

June was also an avid volunteer at the Wells County Animal Shelter.

June was born June 13, 1926 in Sulphur Springs, Indiana to George and Virginia (DeHart) Hunt.

She graduated from Peru High School in 1944 and from Ball State Teachers College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in English. She graduated with a double major in English and history.

She married Donald Jean Grove on Dec. 31, 1949 in Peru. He preceded her in death in October of 1995.

June was a teacher at Bluffton Central Junior High School for several years before accepting a teaching position at Adams Central High School. She finished her teaching career at Belmont High School. She also wrote feature stories at the Decatur Democrat newspaper for many years.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Dana A. Grove and his wife, Trinh, of Oak Park, Ill., and two grandsons, Antony Grove of Kansas City, Mo., and Orion Grove of Oak Park, Ill.

June was preceded in death by a son, Doug Grove, in 1978, and a brother, James Hunt.

Family members will welcome June's friends at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home on Saturday, April 5, 2014, from 2 to 8 p.m. Services will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 2 p.m. with one hour calling before. Pastor Roger Abels will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be designated to the Wells County Boys & Girls Club. Online condolences may be made at www.thomarich.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Service

APR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. June Grove*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - April 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. June Grove*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *June taught me in Health class and Phys Ed in the late sixties at Central School. Gene worked with Dad (Dwight Wilson) at Franklin Electric for many years and they were great friends. Sending our sympathy to you. Valerie Wilson Jackson and Doris Ann Wilson*

VALERIE WILSON JACKSON - April 08, 2014 at 09:11 PM



“ *Dear Dr. Grove,
You may remember the Lampton family from over on Parkway Dr. when we all lived in Riverview. Those were happy fun days for all of us. June wrote severa featurel stories about me and my career in Ballet and starting the School of Ballet in Bluffton. She was a delightful woman. Her stories were always delightful, full of human interests. I will miss her feature stories. Beth Lampton*

Beth Lampton - April 07, 2014 at 10:12 AM

RB

“ *Dr. Grove and Family,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences upon the loss of your mom.*

Roxanne Barone

Roxanne Barone - April 07, 2014 at 08:36 AM

SG

“ *Dr. Dana Grove and Family,
I'm sorry I did not have the opportunity to know June Grove.
Judging from her photograph and the comments written here June
was a dedicated teacher and a fun and loving person who
brightened everyone's paths she crossed.*

*Best Wishes,
Steven Ginley*

Steven Ginley - April 06, 2014 at 12:18 PM

CL

“ *Dr Grove,
May the memories of your mother bring you peace and comfort
during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,
Carmen Lind*

Carmen Lind - April 05, 2014 at 07:38 PM

BG

“ *Dana and family,
Your Mom was one of my favorite teachers. She was affectionately called "Mom Grove" by a group of us that had her as: a great English teacher, AC school newspaper supervisor, theatre director, etc. We had a blast with her, though sometimes we gave her fits with our ornery antics! Her tough senior English course helped prepare me to follow in her footsteps and pass the English Comp. "weed out" class at Ball State.*

She will be dearly missed. You have my thoughts and sympathy today and as you move forward. You had one great Mom!!

Sincerely,

*Bob Gerber
Wolcott, IN*

Bob Gerber - April 05, 2014 at 08:56 AM

CW

“ *Dr. Grove,
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of loss. Remember that she will always be with you in your heart and mind and you carry many of her wonderful qualities with you always.*
Cynthia Walley

C. Walley - April 05, 2014 at 07:27 AM

TG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know June personally, but I know she was a very special person because she was a great friend to my sister, Tina Morris. Tina talked about June often, and I know she is heart broken as well and will miss June tremendously. Not many people are allowed into my sister's heart, but June was. I am sure she was Tina's angel on earth and God will so accept her home. Again, you have my deepest sympathy!

Terri Gibson

Terri Gibson - April 04, 2014 at 01:36 PM

BS

“ Dr. Grove,

Please accept my sincere condolences. May you find strength during these difficult times.

Behrooz Sedaie

Behrooz Sedaie - April 04, 2014 at 10:43 AM

SG

“ Aunt June's house was always the heart of our Grove family gatherings - It was impossible to go hungry for even a minute while she was hosting us and she would always take my side when the uncles would start their relentless teasing. I loved every minute I spent with her and Uncle Jean and Shadow. My Thoughts are with you Dana, Trinh, Antony and Orion. Love, Sara

Sara Grove - April 04, 2014 at 08:19 AM

CH

“ To the family of Mrs. Grove. I was a '71 grad of Adams Central who truly remember her as not only one of my favorite teachers but also one of my best teachers. I had thought many times over the years of looking her up to say thank you. She made me think, not just what was happening right where we were but to think beyond and to push myself for more in life. As a junior I remember her in charge of the year book which my friend was editor and many of us, including our exchange student, helped with and spent much time in her office/room. As a senior she pushed me in literature and writing that I had not done before. She prepare me for college. She's part of my memories of high school. My prayers and sympathy go out to all of her family and friends.

Carol Germann Hoffman

Carol Hoffman - April 03, 2014 at 09:35 PM



“ Peaceful Rest was purchased for the family of Mrs. June Grove.



April 02, 2014 at 10:13 PM

BS

“ I have 48 years of wonderful, funny, crazy memories with my amazing Aunt. She was always fun to be with. My big sisters, Cyndi, Debbi, Tami and I (Becci), Yogi's daughters would spend as much time with her, Uncle Jean, Dana, Doug and Trinh when ever we could. She will be deeply missed by all of us. The Grove clan was always a blast to be with and a part of. LOVE AND MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH AUNT JUNE!!!!

Becci (Grove) Sharpin - April 02, 2014 at 09:52 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. June Grove.*



April 02, 2014 at 08:21 PM



“ *Dana and Family, so sorry for your loss. Recently I had called June and we chatted and she told me about her illness, and how she disliked being unable to get out and about. She was so proud of you Dana, and she said "He's a Dr" now! June and I had many many fun times and I took her on many of her interviews, and to get her hair done, then she would insist on treating me to breakfast or lunch. We volunteered together at the Food Bank for several years, both loved Animals, and served on the Boys & Girls Club Board together. I remember taking her to Indy for one of her eye surgeries and before she went into surgery, she told me how she believed in God. So many things that we did will always have a special place in my heart. Godspeed, June~~You deserve to have a well earned rest, but you leave a void in so many hearts that no one else can fill. Thank you June, for all that you did and now enjoy your reunion with "Sunshine" and "Shadow".*

BJ Gray



BJ Gray - April 02, 2014 at 07:27 PM

SK

“ Dear family of Mrs. Grove... I was a student at Poplar Grove. Your Mom was my teacher in 8th grade. She was wonderful. I thought Poplar Grove was named after her!
She handled us jr. high kids perfectly, we listened to her and respected her. And learned from her. Love to your family from mine... Susan Cook Kosma (Sally and Bob Cook's middle daughter)

Susan Kosma - April 02, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JM

“ Dr Grove and Family, our thoughts are with you and we are very sorry for your loss. MIS Department - Morton College.

Jeri Machino - April 02, 2014 at 08:48 AM

SF

“ June was a wonderful friend and my children, mother-in-law and sister-in-law enjoyed her and the stories she wrote! We all spent time with her at animal shelter and Boys & Girls Club events.
Prayers and sympathy go out to your family for your loss.

Suzanne Feedback - April 02, 2014 at 07:39 AM

JO

June will be remembered for years through the vast numbers of stories she wrote for the News Banner. She was a great asset to the community w/ her various interest in all the organizations she was involved in. She left a great legacy in all her stories of local organizations and people. Thanks June. Jerry Oswald

Jerry Oswald - April 02, 2014 at 03:07 PM