



June Joy Chapman

June 1, 1934 - September 28, 2023

June Joy Chapman, 89 of Houston TX passed on from earth to eternity on September 28, 2023. June was born June 1, 1934, in Los Angeles, California to Louis and Anna Cornaggia. She is preceded in death by her husband Raoul Edouard Chapman of 61 years of marriage and sister Carmelita Cornelius. June is survived by a daughter Deborah Anne and husband Carl Daniel Cooper, a son Michael Edouard and wife Cathryn Frances Chapman, one grandchild Megan Rebecca and husband James Robert Caruso II, two great granddaughters Laney Grace Caruso and Bailey Kate Caruso as well as a niece Nanette Cevulski and nephew Edward Cornelius. A 50 year resident of Houston, June recently relocated to Katy TX.

First generation Italian American, June grew up in Los Angeles, CA. She was born late in life to Louis and Anna Cornaggia. They lived on Verdugo Rd where the family owned a poultry market and lot. June graduated from Holy Family Catholic High School then graduated Glendale College with an Associate of Arts degree in Bookkeeping. She enjoyed time at the beach with friends and learning to knit from her mother. Due to her Italian heritage, there were numerous family celebrations with lots of traditional food.

After graduating from college, June worked for the Los Angeles Times newspaper in the accounting department. There she met and soon married Raoul Chapman on December 27, 1958 at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Los Angeles CA. Raoul had just returned from the US Air Force serving during the Korean War, stationed in Bermuda. They made their home in Los Angeles

where Mike and Debbie were born and Raoul started a career with Shell Oil Co. In 1962 the family was transferred to the San Francisco Bay Area and in 1970 transferred to Houston TX.

Being a busy mother of two children, June organized schedules, cooked meals, carpooled kids around, enjoyed neighbors, attended church and celebrated every holiday with traditional Italian meals. She attended many Little League baseball games, numerous Skeet Shoot competitions, and uncountable Swim Meets.

As an empty nester, June enjoyed needle work. All kinds of stitching and needlepoint! She joined a group of ladies that were obsessed with stitching and there were many regular outings to yarn shops and lunch. She completed so many beautiful works of art and there was always another one in the que. Working as a bookkeeper at The Columbia Company for 10 years, June excelled and worked directly for the president of this mid-size company. She had several co-worker friends there and together they organized numerous luncheons for clients. She eventually got her Real Estate license and worked for 15 years as a realtor with Coldwell Banker in West Houston.

June liked flower gardens and she tried her hand at Texas gardening. The hot, humid Houston weather and biting mosquitos was discouraging. Being from California, the Texas weather was hard for her to overcome and she eventually gave up "on the pretty stuff" to focus on Day Lilies. Jane Cooper shared beloved varieties as well as they collected many from a local Daylily farm.

In recent years June, with help from her friend Bob Bissonnet, detailed the emigration travels of the Cornaggia and Denato family from Italy to America. Lots of original pictures and documents gave her much enjoyment and a meaningful story to tell.

Since Raoul passed in 2019, much time was spent with Debbie. As helper/caregiver, there were always weekly visits with a chore or two in between restaurant meals at their favorite places. Randalls grocery was a regular outing, the managers there knew June and welcomed her every

Friday. She had good neighbors, the Burmans who were always there to assist her, where would we have been without them! Cindy and her sweet pups always brought her newspaper to the front door so she could avoid the uneven sidewalk.

Most recently, living at the Carriage Inn for almost two years, June made close friendships with the staff and residents. The Carriage Inn provided a safe, loving and fun environment in which June flourished in her last years. She loved games and there was always some sort of challenge going on. Trivia was not a game she liked and especially not Texas Trivia! June kept herself busy with a new love of jigsaw puzzles. She and her friend Shirley enjoyed lively conversation while sorting the endless pieces of flowers, pet tails and faces. From time to time the staff would stop and enjoy a break and help out. Approximately 12 beautiful puzzles were completed and 8 were framed and auctioned to the residents. Everyone wanted one of Junes puzzles and thru this artwork, all are blessed. Meeka, the activity director loved organizing activities and events that kept everyone on their toes! Beautiful Mothers' Day celebrations with Chicken and Waffles, special salad, Cauliflower/Apple soup, and bubbly drinks made all moms feel appreciated and loved. A fun Christmas in July with Surfing Santas, homemade cookies and carols. A Harvest Festival with Cake Walk, music and a juggling tall man on stilts. Thank you Meeka, for your loving heart.

Early in the year a Bible study group started. Many residents became studiers of the Gods Word and some residents came just came and listened. June had never really "studied" the Bible and was really enjoying picking up the details of scripture. Gods story to reconcile us to him was always central to our time together..... Jesus.

God created everything and had so much more love to give that he created mankind. Adam and Eve loved God but were tricked into thinking that they should run their own life. That decision hurt God and caused a separation-that separation is called sin. This bad decision is inherited by all humanity

therefore we are all born separated from God. But God had a plan to fix the separation and He came to earth to present the plan thru a human we could relate to- Jesus, fully God and fully man. Jesus spoke to us so that we would know this plan and want to reconcile that separation. And it is thru Jesus the Christ, we are restored and have peace with God. Amen

June will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. We are eternally grateful to God for blessing us with such a lovely soul. She will live forever in our heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Funeral Mass

OCT **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Graveside Service

OCT **30**. 12:30 PM (CT)

VA Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of June Joy Chapman.*



October 26, 2023 at 11:12 PM



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

October 26, 2023 at 11:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of June Joy Chapman.*



October 26, 2023 at 11:06 PM



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

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“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of June Joy Chapman.*



October 24, 2023 at 03:18 PM



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

October 24, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *I could not have asked for a more wonderful mother-in-law. I will never forget when Mike first introduced me to June and Raoul and informed them we were engaged. I think we stumped her because the first thing she said was “Can I make you a sandwich”? June Bug was one of a kind and had a great laugh when something she heard or said was humorous. I will miss when we talked about the books we were reading and her recommendations for authors she enjoyed. June also taught me how to knit. She was always ready to help when I “dropped a stitch” and needed her expertise to fix it and get me back on track. I will miss you June Bug and we will one day see each other again. Love you always, Cathy*

Cathryn Chapman - October 22, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of June Joy Chapman.*



October 17, 2023 at 09:47 PM



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

October 17, 2023 at 09:47 PM

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“ June or Juney, or June Bug as my wife Mora used to call her was a close friend of myself and my wife Mora for all the 50 plus years we have lived in Houston. June and Raoul came to Houston from California in 1970 when Shell Oil moved it's corporate headquarters from New York City and Mora and I moved from Connecticut. We lived in the same neighborhood and thus became fast friends over the years. Mora and June liked to work with fabric to make gifts and other artistic fabric creations. For many years they belonged to a small sewing group that met weekly at one another's homes. It was a fun group with plenty of stories told and probably a little gossip about the member not there or a relative or neighbor.

June came to visit us one summer at our vacation home on Block Island RI. She loved to wade into the cold Atlantic water and cast a line for Bluefish or Flounder but mostly ended up with a green or blue crab which was thrown back. She walked the beaches, visited the Southeast lighthouse and North Lighthouse. Of course she and Mora spent hours visiting the many tourist souvenir shops and maybe a sip or two at one of the many restaurants. She had a great time and was the perfect house guest.

After Mora passed away in 2015 I continued to visit June and Raoul. During the big freeze a couple winters ago June and I moved from house to house as first, I lost power. Then I got power and June lost power. We survived and had fun memories of trying to keep our houses from freezing, burst pipes and all.

I have researched family history for many years so it was only natural that June and I talked about our families. Hers from Italy and mine from Ireland and England. It was fun hearing her talk about her father working in the various mines in either New Mexico or Arizona before moving to California. And she liked to tell stories about the bakery her parents ran for many years.

Each time that I visited her at the Carriage Inn she gave me a tour of her puzzles and how much play money each had sold for. She will be missed by myself and her family.

Bob Bissonett - October 17, 2023 at 09:33 PM

KC

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. I spoke with your mother a few times over the past 2 years, just checking in with her as a parishioner from St. John Vianney. She was a sweet and kind lady.*

Karen Carr - October 09, 2023 at 07:25 PM

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Debbie and Mike, I am so very sorry for the sudden loss of your mom. She was precious! The first time I visited Debbie's parents her Gramdmother was there visiting. She was from Cicaly, Italy. She really thought Debbie was special and loved her very much. June Bug put up with our shnanagins. After a girls night out at the Winchester Club, We needed a midnight snack. Debbie said let's make spaghetti and clams! I had never had any, so I watched Debbie make the dish. It was fantastic! One Christmas Debbie said let's make some no bake cookies. So we started putethe ingredients together and didn't have enough oatmeal. Debbie called Miss June Bug and she threw on her coat and fussed at us for not checking to be sure we had all of the ingredients before we started to make the cookies and ran to the store for the oatmeal. We laughed and laughed and still laugh when we think about it.

Candace G Cogan - October 18, 2023 at 08:30 PM

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There was so much love in Debbie's family and awesome cooking. Miss June Bug was always the center of the event! She will be missed but always in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. The obituary was the best I have ever read! Rest easy in the arms of the angels.

Candace G Cogan - October 18, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ *June Joy Chapman*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ June Joy Chapman

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



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October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



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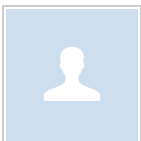
October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of June Joy Chapman.



October 03, 2023 at 07:16 PM



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