



June W. Tillery

May 25, 1936 - April 19, 2015

June W. Tillery, 78, died peacefully on April 19, 2015, surrounded by her family.

Born May 25, 1936 in Clarkdale, Georgia, raised in Powder Springs, Georgia, residing in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, she was the daughter of the late Thelma and Aubrey Wisener, and is survived by her daughters Tameko Wood, Terri Tillery and Tonja Hunter (Danny Hunter); grandchildren David Icenhour, Christina Wood, Jennifer Gaultney (Emile Hendriks), Christy Gaultney, Stephanie McWhorter and Madison Moreland; and five great grandchildren.

She spent the majority of her career at The Coca-Cola Company retiring in 1993 after 29 years of service. She loved her family, friends, spending time at the beach, listening to jazz music, good food, and was extremely charitable to many causes. Throughout her brave battle against cancer, she maintained her contagious sense of humor. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Memorial service celebrating June's life will be held at Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home, 3940 Macland Road, Powder Springs, on Friday, April 24th at 11:00 am. Family will receive friends Thursday, April 23rd from 6:00-8:00 pm at Mayes Ward-Dobbins. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude's Hospital.

Events

APR **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Powder Springs Chapel

3940 Macland Road, Powder Springs, GA, US, 30127

APR **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home - April 24, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ My cousins did a wonderful job of honoring our Grandmother! June was the strongest woman I know, and a no nonsense kind of lady. She was truly the glue in our family. Her mind was the sharpest of them all! Our family has been lucky enough to have inherited some of her fine qualities. June loved funny jokes, and often displayed a good sense of humor. She loved to write, and shared many of her poems with me. I have to say, at the time, I probably didn't appreciate it as much as I do now. Although I made many mistakes, my Gran loved me with all her heart and unconditionally. That was probably her best quality. She was generous with her money but most importantly with her forgiveness. She was a courageous woman who not only inspired her family but her friends as well. In February, I was blessed to fly from my home in N.Y. and stay with my aunt Terri to help care for my grandmother. I helped my Gran with her daily routines, tucked her in, and gave her lots of love. We even watched some of her favorite T.V. shows together. During my visit, I was pretty adamant about cooking her some home-cooked meals. As I was informed they would soon be some of her last. I wanted her to have the best food with the freshest ingredients. I genuinely wanted them to be special. One night, she requested a juicy rib-eye and that's what she got! :) She requested her steak be medium. She was definitely a food connoisseur. However, there is nothing that I could have done that would compare to the grace she has shown me. While visiting my grandmother, she was often in good spirits and we never discussed her ailment. I acted as if it were just another day. I never cried in front of her after her diagnosis . It was important to me that my Grandmother be free of worry or fear. Although, she knew she was terminal, we both prayed for a miracle. I would tell her, " I'm not giving up on you, it's not over until it's over." I always reminded her of a miracle and she would say, " Well, that's true"! I just knew if anybody could kick cancer's butt it was her! She just had that effect on me. I always felt she was invincible to the world. She was sort of like a hero! I feel her presence every day now. I'm just so fortunate to have spent some quality time with her, during her battle with cancer. It was God's will to take her from this earth but she will never be forgotten. I know my beautiful Granny is resting in peace. She is now our angel! It is never easy to lose a loved one, and expressing that loss will never be validated through words on a screen. This is just a small attempt to honor my grandmother's legacy. I hope she is pleased with my effort, as I want to make her proud.

Christina - April 27, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ My teacher; my mentor; my role model, but most of all my friend. I will miss you tremendously! Love, your Steph.

Stephanie McWhorter - April 25, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ Melody Medford is following this tribute.

Melody Medford - April 24, 2015 at 05:09 PM



“ Dear Family of June Tillery, Thank you for allowing me to be present via web casting at the celebration of June's life. I valued her friendship as one of the greatest pleasures of my life! June was a joy in time of prosperity and success, a comfort in time of doubt and trouble, and an inspiration at all times! My deepest and most sincere condolence to June's entire family.
Lucy Chiarolanza

Lucy Chiarolanza - April 24, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ June was the most loving, kind , compassionet gerneroud person that I had the priviledge of having as a most dear amd trusted friend. I met Jume about 14 years ago when we first moved into Towers Ten in Daytona Beach Shores. We met and became acquaintances for about 12 years. Then when I lost my beloved wife Dolores ,June attended the funeral church services and luchen. About 6 weks later I recieved a phone call asking me to have lunch at her favorite Medterian grill in Port Orange .From then on we became extremely good friends. Dined many times invited to her condo made trips to St Auustine to dine as well.. She Iliterly was a divine blessing in my life as I was greiving and depressed. You know she was a very up beat postive lady and she helped me through some very difficult times. When she took ill several months ago I was deeply concerned and tried to reach out to her and lift her spirits and prayed passionetly for her to heal. The days I spent with her on her visit to Daytona in January were some of my best memories as I visited alnost dail ywithJune. her daughter Terrfi granddaughter Madison as well as Tanya. It was such a heartwarming experience to sit next to her on the couch and she fell asleep on my shoulder several times....I have pictures as wellll which i will treasure. I posted one of June Terri and Madison when they visited last spring and we dinned together at mY club.

May God watch over her as he has inherited a extroridinary lady that will fill his heaven wiith joy and happiness. My heart is heavy but my memories and pictures are comfortng to me. I hope my memories posted were intersting and my life will never quite be the same

God Bless her Daughters that gave her such lloving and wondefful care during long illness. With all my love to them Lou Roppolo

Louis Roppolo - April 23, 2015 at 09:18 PM



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Louis Roppolo - April 23, 2015 at 08:44 PM



“ Awe... you guys look great! Gran looked stunning as she aged! prettier and prettier

christina - April 23, 2015 at 09:07 PM



“ My cousin, Martha June (as I always have known her), was fun-loving, generous and always looked on the positive side of life. Some of my fondest childhood memories were visiting her in Decatur, GA with my mom, Edna Fay, and my sister, Crystal. We'd swim, eat and play the day away with Tammy ,Terri and Tonja - fun times! She and my mom were as close as sisters. Martha June was as frugal as she was generous and there are many whose lives were help during their tough times by her. She even welcomed me and my son, Austin, into her home to live for a while when we were between home selling/buying so that he could continue to attend Powder Springs school. I will always have a special place in my heart for her. To the very last days, she had a quick wit and sharp mind and was a joy to be with. I will miss her gracious charm and warm smile. I know her daughters and grand-daughters will miss her dearly as will many other people who knew her. Heaven holds more beauty now.

Melody Medford - April 23, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ My mother was a single mom who cared for all who came into her life even though she struggled herself to pay the bills. Later as she began to build her resources she was quick to share with abundance all that she had. I certainly know there is a special place for her among the saints in heaven for all that she did for others. She was my only real friend and loved me unconditionally. Where do you find another love so great here on this earth?



Tameko Wood - April 23, 2015 at 11:10 AM



“ June Tillery was an extraordinary woman! She taught me many, many wonderful things. In our far too short friendship of eleven years, Junie, as I called her, was a tenacious and glorious shopper. Junie could spot a bargain at 50 paces and could fill her "buggy" faster than anyone I know. What a sharp mind! She could figure out discounts and percentages so quickly that I believe she could do the math faster than a calculator. Junie knew sizes, colors, likes and dislikes six months in advance of any birthdays, Christmas or special event. Her decorating ability was amazing! She taught me to leave the price sticker on the bottom of the piece of decor "just in case" it had to go back. And never, ever throw away a receipt. Then, after an exhausting day I could always count on a late lunch or early dinner together at her favorite restaurant in Florida. I will miss my dear friend as many who knew and loved her certainly will. Junie was a treasure! I just wish I could have kept her longer. There are countless people whose lives she touched, and they are certainly better because of it! I know mine has been. Rest in peace, my friend! I love you and will never forget you!

Lucy-goosey (Lucy Chiarolanza)

Lucy Chiarolanza - April 23, 2015 at 08:44 AM



“ June and I have been friends since before we started school. She introduced my husband, Lawson, to me and was a bridesmaid in our wedding. We have had many years of shared memories. She would be pleased that she lived her last days with the same dignity and grace that she had lived her entire life. Lawson and I will miss her very much.

Jean Davis

Jean Davis - April 22, 2015 at 05:03 PM



“ My grandmother was the best woman I've known! Though she may not be here physically anymore, she's alive in my heart. RIP granny!

Christina Wood - April 22, 2015 at 09:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of June W. Tillery.



April 22, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ I will always cherish June's kindness and love to me. I have nothing but good memories I will always cherish. The last time I talked to her I thought I would be the one not seeing her again. She was an incredible person. The biggest event Lamar and I ever went to was given by Coca Cola and she arranged our invitations and we set with the executives from Coke. I met movie stars, famous athletes and VIP's from everywhere. It still is the most exciting event I have ever attended. It breaks my heart she has to leave you kids, grandchildren, great grandchildren. May God Bless each one of you and keep you in his care. Love you Judy.

Judy Barger - April 22, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ Yes Judy Mom was very generous to all of us. She liked to include everyone in her good fortune.

Tameko Wood - April 23, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of June W. Tillery.



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“ Barbara Haydon purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of June W. Tillery.



Barbara Haydon - April 22, 2015 at 10:51 AM