



## June Burbage McElfresh

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June B. McElfresh, 82, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and best friend, passed away at Central Washington Hospital on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

Born on May 30, 1938 in Pinetown, North Carolina to Luther and Hazel Woolard, June was the youngest of 9 children.

She met our Dad and came to Washington in 1962 along with her brother Orville. Together they managed a Dairy, and also built a hay hauling business while raising 3 children. In 1985, she married Larry McElfresh and they enjoyed many years together until his passing in 1998.

June lived in Ellensburg for many years until moving in with her son Bill in Quincy about 4 years ago, then she moved to Garden Terrace in Wenatchee in June of 2019.

June loved to travel and took many trips across the United States to spend time with family on both coasts. She also enjoyed trips to the ocean and

occasional trip to the casino. She traveled in the motorhome with her brother and sister-in-law on a few trips to North Carolina and about 2 years ago got to take a family trip to visit relatives and spend time at the Outer Banks with them. She also enjoyed many camping trips with her family. June enjoyed reading, going to yard sales, and some crafts. She enjoyed spending time with daughter June and son-in-law Ralph at their property in the hills outside of Wenatchee.

June is survived by her 3 children. Bill Woodiwiss of Quincy, WA, June (Ralph) Keith of East Wenatchee, WA, and Ralph (Denette) Woodiwiss of Kittitas, WA. Her brother Orville (Virginia) Woolard of Ellensburg. She has 12 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. June was preceded by her parents, and 7 siblings.

There will be a celebration of life in the spring or early summer when we can all safely get together.

You are welcome to write a memory/condolence as well as post photos you may have of June. The family thanks you for your love and support during this time.

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Long ago, when we were kids, (mid to late 60's) my friend June and I were neighbors on a small country lane on which we were the only two residents. My recollection of Miss June, as we called her, or Big June, as others sometimes referred to her, is of manners and refinement. Her souther accent, and way of speaking kept me enthralled. I was just a littel rough and tumble tom boy, and she was tall and beautiful and just awe inspiring.

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**Donna Jantzer** - January 13, 2021 at 02:31 PM

NK

“ Rest in peace, Grandma (GG). You are forever loved and honored in our hearts. You leave behind a legacy of strong women and pass that on to your granddaughters and great-granddaughters and generations to come. We will miss your physical presence in our lives but know that you will forever be with us and watching over us all. I will remember the way you laughed, smiled, your sass, and the overwhelming comfort of your greetings when we'd meet with your big smile and warm welcome and a "well hi honey!" that I can still hear you say that I will always cherish. Loving and missing you, grandma. Until we meet again. ~XOXO

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**Nicole Keith** - December 17, 2020 at 08:42 PM

DM

“ My GG was no ordinary Grandma, how many grandmas wear bikini tops at 54, Play baseball, bad mitten, or play hide and seek in the sea grass at the beach? There was never a dull moment! Between catching minnows at Vantage, washing collards before a southern family dinner, or "stealing" cotton from the cotton fields in North Carolina lol, we always had fun! Grandma had they BEST stories and taught us how to take no crap from anyone, she reminded us who we were and that we never stood alone. She loves greatly and deeply and always knew how to make you feel better. Your grandma may have made amazing cookies but mine made THE BEST banana pudding on the planet!

I'll never forget how crushed I was when she moved to Las Vegas, I needed Sergeant Grandma ha ha ha, my mom told me that her friend from high school was coming to visit and that her name was BJ, there was a knock at the door and I remember how curious I was to meet this friend as I stood by Mama she opened the door and who stood there? My GG , I couldn't believe it I was stunned for a second and quickly wrapped around her!

GG is my best friend, every moment that God allowed with her is a gift, a gift I will treasure always my childhood is filled with memories of an incredible woman I was lucky enough to call GG! I love you grandma and while it will never be the same I know you are with us



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Dawn Malandra - December 17, 2020 at 08:32 PM

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Dawn Malandra - December 17, 2020 at 08:30 PM

BS

“ *Sissy and Family*

*Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Aunt June held a very special place in our hearts. May God bless you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Please know that We share in your sadness, and pray God will comfort you with his care and compassion.*

*With Love*

*Brenda L Swanner & Family Belhaven, North Carolina*

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**Brenda L Swanner** - December 17, 2020 at 08:29 PM