



## Thelma June Gatewood

May 10, 1925 - April 1, 2022

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Wenatchee, Washington

Thelma "June" Gatewood, 96 years young, passed away on April 1, 2022, surrounded by family at Blossom Creek, an assisted living facility. She was born May 10, 1925, to Harold S. Soule and Thelma (Bowerman) Soule and joined by a brother 10 years later, Raymond Soule in Wenatchee, WA.

June met her future husband E.H "Herb" Gatewood in Cashmere in early 1942. Marrying and enlisting were the trend during the WWII era. After WWII, Herb and June settled in Wenatchee with employment for him driving for Pacific Fruit and Produce Semi's and June packing in the fruit warehouses. Their firstborn was E.H "Butch" Gatewood, Jr born on March 3, 1944, and daughter Carol A. Gatewood born on November 21, 1946. Parents were doting all the time, being Butch's boy Scout leader and being Carol's Camp Fire group leader, among so many other things.

In 1961, June and Herb made a life-altering change to move to Winthrop after purchasing the grocery store. Winthrop was a great change in June's life. She

became a woman ahead of her time. She was president of the Winthrop Chamber, helped form the Lost Splinters & Cords Hillbilly band, Legion Auxiliary member who helped 49er Queen's get elected, helped with the 49er parades, created the Winthrop Antique Auto Rally parades, now known as Vintage Wheels Car Show, and helped the community build the big Red Barn - the hot spot in Winthrop. She was a true cheerleader and admirer of Winthrop. She was in business during the Westernization of Winthrop in 1972. Two days before she passed, she was playing the piano and dancing the jitterbug with people.

June's two children raised their families in Winthrop: Butch had children with his first wife Donna Loucks, Shane, and Candi. Butch's second wife Joyce Hill had Heidi and Jerry. Carol and John had 2 grandchildren named Kjell and Kory. June had 6 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Butch Gatewood, grandson Kjell Lester and Jerry Gatewood. She is survived by brother Ray Soule and Daughter Carol (John) Lester.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm located at Heritage Memorial Chapel, 19 Rock Island Rd, East Wenatchee. Please visit June's online memorial tribute page at [www.heritage-memorial-chapel@msn.com](http://www.heritage-memorial-chapel@msn.com) to share a memory with the family. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel East Wenatchee and Cashmere.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ My memories continue... June was in HS and married Herb. That would still be going but Herb passed away after 75 years. That says huge things about my big sis...enough said 🙄

Ray Soule - April 09, 2022 at 09:27 PM

RS

“ Just read June's obit great job CarolAnn. It was WWII and June was a "camp follower" as She and Butch followed Herb from military post to post across the US. I recall her letters to our mom talking about traveling and living in different parts of the US. Then the war was over.

Ray Soule - April 06, 2022 at 10:54 AM

HS

“ When I would go to town with my grandma when I was little she loved to show me off. We would drive one of the old convertible cars so everybody was looking at us and she would sing and wave to everyone. She loved to sing

Heidi Gatewood Sprugas - April 05, 2022 at 12:17 PM

RS

“ Share a memory... how could a little brother share only one? But I will try one at a time. I always bugged my big sis and as we were both red heads my sis gave me a Tony permanent to make my hair curly like hers. She won that one. More memories later ☐

Ray Soule - April 04, 2022 at 08:26 PM