



June Patricia Lusher

December 4, 1938 - May 27, 2021

June P. Lusher, 82, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, left us for her heavenly rest Thursday, May 27, 2021. She was predeceased by the love of her life, Danny D. Lusher, Sr.; her parents, Harold and Audrey (Maynard) McClanahan; siblings Hazel “Ginger” Craft, Tillie Lowder, and Richard McClanahan; and son-in-law Rick Whitney.

June is survived by her five children: June Whitney, Dan Lusher, Jr. (Diane), David Lusher and Nathan Lusher (Kimberly), all in the greater Turlock, CA area; son Matthew Lusher (Tracy) of Virginia; and sister Audrey Guardado of Texas. Her survivors also include her grandchildren Landon Whitney (Veronica), Melissa Whitney-Apolinar (Ty), Cherie Miles (Kaleb), Natalie Lewis (Chris), Stephanie McCary (Zach), Nathan Lusher II (Chloe), Aaron Lusher (Flor), Adam Lusher and Jaclyn Lusher. She also leaves 13 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and extended family members around the country.

Born December 4, 1938 in Huntington, WV, June married Dan Lusher, Sr. in 1957 and she began her adult life as a devoted wife and mother. Soon after, she gave her heart to the Lord and remained a devoted Christian the rest of her life. In 1965, the family moved to Turlock and became members of Full Gospel Tabernacle. In 1980, when her children were nearly grown, she felt a new calling to help her community and pursued a college education to become a family counselor and psychotherapist. She attended California State University, Stanislaus, sharing her baccalaureate college experience

with her sons David and Matthew, including the same Psychology major with David (taking some of the same classes together!) and graduating in the same ceremony with Matthew in 1985. Her master's degree included groundbreaking research published in her field that remains available to psychology and counseling collegiate academia across the country to this day.

Her career as a Marriage and Family Therapist flourished first through her work with the organization Parents United in Modesto and the Stanislaus (CA) Department of Behavioral Health Services, where she worked with both abuse survivors and convicted felons, becoming especially distinguished in working with convicted deniers. She also began private practice as a skilled psychotherapist, maintaining her office in Turlock for over 25 years.

June greatly enjoyed her work with struggling individuals and families; for many years former clients would stop her during the course of a normal day out in public to thank her for the help her counseling gave them. June would often downplay these encounters by telling friends or family members privately that "a lot of people just needed the kindness of a parent they never felt in their own lives."

June retired at 77 in January 2016. In retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her children and extended family, making handmade gifts for so many, either with her knitting or cooking skills (who in the family will ever forget her holiday crescent rolls and Swedish tea rings, her famous chocolate cake, or the years where she knitted slippers for her kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids!). She pursued many interests, including travel, reading, the arts, film and her British mysteries; she was also an avid gardener, spending nearly every day she felt able planting and caring for her plants and flowers. She also enjoyed her beloved pets over many years; Phryne and Charlie will miss her.

We say a final goodbye to June at Turlock Funeral Home this coming Friday and Saturday. Her viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., on Friday, June 18th, followed by the funeral service at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 19th. Both services will be held at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., Turlock

CA 95380 (<https://www.turlockfuneralhome.com>). June will be laid to rest with a private ceremony at Turlock Memorial Park.

All who knew June—family, friends, professional colleagues, clients and church friends—are welcome to attend. Anyone wishing to, may contact the Lusher family at (209) 678-3150 or june.p.lusher@gmail.com.

Cemetery Details

Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 632-9111
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *June Patricia Lusher*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of June Patricia Lusher.*



June 17, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of June Patricia Lusher.*



June 16, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Patricia Lusher.*



June 15, 2021 at 12:43 PM

David
Lusher

“ *When I think of Mom I always think of her perseverance and faith. She endured many things in her life - both in childhood and through her later life - and always did her best to keep faith and trust in God to see her through. Even when she was clearly in decline the last few months she still was so excited to get to start coming back to church as soon as pandemic rules began to ease.*



I will never match her skills in the kitchen but it was a joy to have become her caregiver, tech adviser and personal chef the last few years. We shared so many things in common and it was great to be able to share a love of travel together as well.

I could write here forever about so many things I will miss about our times together. I will love and remember you always Momma.

Love, your Davie

David Lusher - June 14, 2021 at 08:28 PM

LB

I sadly just learned of June's passing. I had the privilege of being her French teacher at Stan State. What an engaging and motivated student she was! After all these years, I still remember her sparkle as she reached out to the world. Peace to her memory and comfort to all those who love her. Linda Bunney-Sarhad

Linda Bunney-Sarhad - June 07, 2022 at 01:25 PM

DT

“ I will always remember aunt June as someone who was full of life and who gave 100% of love to her family. Her life was one centered around her family and serving others.



She was loving and compassionate and had the gift of hospitality. She always made me feel special when I came to visit.

I also remember what a great cook June was. One particular time I fondly remember was a meal she cooked for her pastor. I had spent the night and went to church the next day with the family. They lived on Adams Avenue. She cooked the best meal I had ever tasted. The meal consisted of baked steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, and out of this world chocolate pie. I think Aunt Teenie gave her the pie recipe. To this day, my favorite meal is Baked Steak.

Aunt June, you will be fondly missed.

Love,

Darlene & Ray Taylor

Darlene Taylor - June 13, 2021 at 02:39 PM

 David Lusher

thank you Darlene... really loved the details you shared... don't think I knew about the dinner you described. That's great!

David Lusher - June 14, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Patricia Lusher.* ”



June 12, 2021 at 01:40 PM