



June Valera Poinsett

May 6, 1948 - May 26, 2025

June Valera Poinsett, age 77 of Dayton, passed away on Monday, May 26, 2025, at CHI Memorial. She was born in Red Bank, New Jersey, on May 6, 1948, the daughter of the late James Walker Crosbie, Sr., and Valeria June (Kleckner) Crosbie.

June grew up in New Jersey, graduated in 1970 from Bryan College in Dayton with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education, and returned to New Jersey to teach for one year. She moved back to Dayton in 1971 and was employed as a teacher by the Rhea County Department of Education. During her early teaching career in Rhea County, she was a traveling music teacher in several small schools. She spent many years as an elementary teacher at Evensville Elementary School, finished her career as a fifth-grade teacher and a music teacher at Rhea Central Elementary in Dayton, and retired in 2015. She enjoyed collecting Longaberger baskets, watching figure skating, traveling, and attending concerts and plays. She was a former member of the Evensville Home Demonstration Club and a current member of Circle of Friends Club. She attended Grace Bible Church where she was an AWANA leader for many years.

June is survived by her husband of 53 years, Ronald F. Poinsett of Dayton; her daughter, Mariah Poinsett of Dayton; her sisters, Jane (Bruce) Bloxom of Apopka, Florida, and Mildred (Rocky) Rockhill of Neptune, New Jersey; her

brother, James (Kathie) Crosbie, Jr. of Manchester, New Jersey; her aunt, Lorraine Gurgacz of New Castle, Pennsylvania; her uncle, Burteen (Kathryn) Kleckner of Sebastian, Florida; and her many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service for June will be at Grace Bible Church on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Jim Woychuk officiating. The family will receive friends at the church at 6:00 p.m. until the time of the service. She will be laid to rest at Chattanooga National Cemetery on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Memorial gifts for June may be made to Larry Huch Ministries – for Israel, P.O. Box 472148, Tulsa, OK 74147-9948.

Please share your memories and photos of June on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, Tennessee.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Burial

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404
(423) 855-6590

Visitation

JUN 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grace Bible Church
2809 Old Washington Hwy.
Dayton, TN

Celebration of Life

JUN 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

Grace Bible Church
2809 Old Washington Hwy.
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Every year we traveled to or from Florida we would meet up with June and Mariah to eat. She always spoiled the kids with treats.



Sally Mathis - May 31, 2025 at 09:59 PM

LN

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lorrie Nordyke - May 31, 2025 at 08:36 PM

LN

Rochelle, along with Kaylea and Marissa loved their favorite babysitter's mom, June! Mariah and June met them at Fall Creek Falls State park.

Lorrie Nordyke - May 31, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ 12 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - May 30, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JC

“ Aunt June was one of the kindest women I've ever met, and she gave the best hugs! Living in NJ I didn't get to see her nearly enough, but that just makes each memory that much sweeter.

Jen Crosbie-Loo - May 30, 2025 at 12:53 PM

DH

“ She was my teacher in first and second grade. She used to take me home with her to spend the night and we always had so much fun. She was the most amazing woman and her husband was very good to any of us that came over and I remember she had a dog who's name was dog. She called me witchy Pooh because of my laugh. She will be missed greatly. I still knew and loved her so much and I will be 58 this year. She really made a long lasting impression on my life.

Dottie Hawkins - May 30, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ Paul and I fondly remember June. When we were building our log home 45 or so years ago, Ron and June would come over on Saturday, and whenever they could, to help us. We also bonded with Ron and June through our Young Marrieds Class at Duncan Park Baptist. She was a sweet friend who would always do anything she could to help. She made a baby quilt with nursery rhyme squares, trimmed in yellow border, for me when I was pregnant with Stephen. I will always remember her sweet nature and Christ-like attitude. We are praying for the comfort that only God can give to you, Ron and Mariah.

Jackie Shellabarger - May 30, 2025 at 09:01 AM

RB

“ Mariah- I am so very sorry for the loss of your mother. I have fond memories of her driving us teenage girls to movies and to the mall. May you find comfort in these difficult time.

Rachel Barrows - May 29, 2025 at 02:33 PM

DH

“ Dave Hobbs lit a candle in memory of June Valera Poinsett



Dave Hobbs - May 29, 2025 at 11:59 AM

DH

June overflowed with the love and sweetness of Christ

Dave Hobbs - May 29, 2025 at 12:00 PM

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“ One of the best teachers I ever had. Praying for the family.



Johnnie Shoemake (Houston) - May 29, 2025 at 11:24 AM

BM

“ Bimbo McCawley lit a candle in memory of June Valera Poinsett



Bimbo McCawley - May 29, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of June Valera Poinsett.



May 29, 2025 at 09:18 AM

KN

“ She was my 4th grade teacher. She was the best. You will be missed.

kathy nance - May 28, 2025 at 10:59 PM

CW

“ *Sweet lady and one of the greatest teachers.*



Christy Webber - May 28, 2025 at 03:01 PM