



June Strong

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June Strong died peacefully on January 13, 2015 at The Pines at Davidson. She was born in Ripley, Michigan on June 4, 1925, to Will and Ethel Collins Thomas, the third of four children. She was the fifth-youngest of 54 first cousins. She outlived her siblings, Evabelle Carrington, Alice Vivian, and W. Bruce Thomas.

The Thomases were among the earliest Cornish settlers of Michigan's Copper Country. When she was 7 her family moved from Ripley to Kalamazoo, Michigan where she met Russell Strong in her second grade class. They graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in June, 1942. They had dated for several years, became engaged during the war and married on August 17, 1946.

Because of Russell's career, the family moved often. They arrived in Davidson, NC, with five sons, on June 30, 1966. They also lived in several other towns in Michigan, Ohio and North Carolina. June was an expert at logistics. A move was an adventure and a chance to decorate a new house. A crowd of friends or relatives coming for dinner or a weekend was an opportunity to try a new recipe. A houseful of 25 for Thanksgiving weekend was not a challenge. Being the consummate mother and homemaker was her favorite career. She also worked as a buyer for a women's clothing store, as an antique store manager and as a bridal consultant. She loved cooking, decorating and gardening and was always able to envision a better way to arrange things, to try a new color or plant. Her Christmas cookies were works of art. In several towns she was active in hospital auxiliaries, church women's societies and church choirs and she always loved a good bridge game. She and Russ returned to Kalamazoo in 1980 for several years. Upon retirement they moved to Charlotte where they were active members of Memorial United Methodist Church. She and Russ were also active leaders in the 306th Bomb Group reunions for 25 years. When Russell died in 2009 they had been married for 63 years. She soon moved to The Pines at Davidson.

June is survived by her five sons, Bill, Jon and Jeannie, David and Gina, Chris, and Tim and Amy. She had 13 grandchildren Jessica (Bill Neil), Laura (Steve Bolin), Amy, Daniel (Jodie), Nate (Ashley), Matt (Megan), Kaitlyn (Jonathan Misch), Aaron, Ainsley, and Joshua, Jacqueline, Jacob and Jeff



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DuCharme. There are 12 great- grandchildren Ashley, Hannah, Emily, Lillian, Will and Sophia Neil; Braxton, Caleb and Nora Strong; Layla and Priscilla Misch; and Jack Bolin. She also leaves sisters- and brother-in-law Phyllis Thomas, Plyna Strong and Bill and Nancy Strong and first cousin, Eleanor Wiere. She had 20 nieces, nephews, their spouses and children and grandchildren and too many cousins to count.

A memorial service for June will be held at Davidson United Methodist Church at 2PM on February 7. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Davidson United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 718, Davidson, NC, 28036, The Pines Resident Support Fund, 400 Avinger Lane, Davidson, NC 28036, or Hospice Lake Norman, 705 Griffith Street, Suite 203, Davidson, NC 28036

James Funeral Home of Huntersville, NC is serving the family of Mrs. Strong and online condolences can be made to jamesfuneralhomekn.com.



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BD

Barbara Pennels Davan posted:

Thoughts and prayers. The Pennels family from Simpson Methodist church in Kalamazoo, MI.

January 21 at 9:53 AM

LH

Lori Harrow posted:

Dear Bill, I'm sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She sounds like a remarkable, creative, giving woman. I'm thinking of you and keeping you and your family in my prayers. Be Well ~ Lori Harrow

January 20 at 7:59 AM

KF

Karen Flanary posted:

Dear Bill, I was so sorry to read of your mother's passing. I remember the fond and loving way you spoke about her. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Karen

January 16 at 4:46 PM

BR

Bev (Pfeifle) Rindler posted:

Jon, Just thought of you the other day. Your mom's life surely leaves you many happy memories. May they comfort you and your family at this sad time and in the days ahead. Bev

January 16 at 12:23 PM

BW

Beth Willis posted:

Dear Laura, My heart goes out to you in the passing of your Grandmother! It is always hard giving up one we love, but rest assured there will be a reunion later. Our prayers will be with you as you and your family face the days ahead. In Him, Beth

January 15 at 1:00 PM

RF

R Faust And Family posted:

Family, may you find comfort in your cherished memories and in knowing that God "is close to the brokenhearted." (Psalms 34:18) Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

January 14 at 5:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring June by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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