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The United Church of Canada
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June Leila Blau

June 20, 1939 – May 19, 2026

June Blau was a faithful member of The United Church of Canada in Saskatchewan. A member at Harmony United in Regina and Wesley before that, June was active in every level of the denomination. This included her local church, numerous roles within Living Skies, and Wascana Presbytery and Saskatchewan Conference before that, including the boards of South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy and Mutchmor Lodge, as well as a commissioner to General Council. Her wisdom, humour, generosity and deep, progressive spirituality will be greatly missed.



Our beloved mother, sister, grandma, great-grandma, aunt and dear friend passed away on May 19, 2026, at the age of 86 after a brief illness in hospital.

Born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and the first of six children, June grew up on the family farm at Wild Rose. She adored her siblings and helped her mother take care of the young ones. This love of children inspired her to become a pediatric nurse. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1960 from the University of Saskatchewan and June's cherished and enduring friendship with Joyce began during these years.

During this time, June's romance with David blossomed. They were married and had three daughters whom they raised together while both worked. The family moved a few times and eventually settled in Regina where they built their lives.

June's nursing career spanned 50 years. She nursed in pediatrics, diabetic teaching, intensive care, recovery, and endoscopy in several Saskatchewan hospitals. She was passionate about the profession of nursing and a strong advocate for patient care and healthcare policy. June was the first full-time, salaried president of the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN) from 1982 – 1986. She also served as president of the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association (SRNA) from 2001 to 2003. She contributed to the development of the Labour Relations Certificate program at the University of Saskatchewan. In her later years, she worked in research, home care, and spent many years travelling all over Saskatchewan helping patients with multiple sclerosis. June was involved in nursing in one way or another until she retired in her seventies. She sat on numerous boards and committees throughout her life and well beyond her retirement from nursing.

In the mid 1980's, June ran for a provincial MLA role in Regina. Although the campaign was unsuccessful, the residential-based headquarters offered a vision for the perfect dream home for empty nesters. June and Dave's beautiful home became the gathering place for many wonderful

family occasions over nearly 40 years. It is a comfort that June was able to remain in her beloved home to the end of her days.

June was decidedly a career woman, but she was also family oriented. As a young mom, she was creative and talented seamstress, often working into the night to finish special outfits for her daughters. As the girls became Girl Guides, June became a leader and she continued volunteering for years. June loved camping. Many summer vacations included camping trips out to Vancouver to visit family and always visiting family along the way.

In their retirement years June and Dave frequented local Inns along favourite travel routes, including Fairmont, BC and Tobermory, ON – proudly logging 27 trips on the MS ChiCheemaun. June had a keen interest in both her and Dave's family histories. They travelled to the birthplaces of their ancestors and June personally documented hundreds of pages of detail for the family. June and Dave were married until Dave's death in 2022 – almost 60 years.

June was a bright light. She was a dear friend, a surrogate mom and grandma to many. A leader, role model and mentor, a lifelong learner, a formidable debater, a technology enthusiast, and an all-around force to be reckoned with. June will be dearly missed by her three daughters and their families, by her siblings, nieces and nephews, and by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements entrusted to Paragon Funeral and Cremation Services.