



## June Knobel May Warner

June 14, 1929 - September 17, 2023

June Knobel May Warner, aged 94, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2023. She was born June 14, 1929, at her family's farmhouse on Prune Hill in Washington, to Edwin and Betsy (Wahl) Knobel. She was preceded in death by her sister, Burdell Knobel Strait McClain, her first husband, Hal J. May, and by her grandson by marriage, Alex Gradin.

June grew up tromping around the farm with her Dad. One of her favorite times growing up was when they lived "in town" in Philomath, Oregon, where she could ride bicycles on the sidewalks with friends. She attended George Fox College, in Newberg, Oregon, where she met and married Hal May, at the age of 19. She served as a "pastor's wife" in the Friends Church, in rural Woodland, Idaho, Marion, Oregon, and Inglewood, California. Years later she went back to school completing her Masters in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Portland State. She practiced in the Vancouver School District and in her private practice. She enjoyed helping students transform their lives by helping them overcome sometimes debilitating speech impediments.

In retirement, June traveled worldwide and embraced hand-quilting for her family. She also used her impeccable crafting skills to make quilts for kids in foster care, knitting hats for the homeless and for infants in hospitals, and sewing pillow pads for breast cancer patients. After Hal's passing, she remained active in her community and church engaging in various activities with friends, driving people to doctor's appointments, and editing and distributing a newsletter for Beni Kahamba's Christian trade school in DR

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At the age of 86, she married Ray Warner, a widower and family friend from her early days at George Fox College. The last 8 years of marriage to Ray were an unexpected blessing. People would notice this sweet looking senior couple and ask how long they had been married. They loved to see their surprised faces when they said, 3 years, or whatever year it was.

June will be remembered for: her organizational skills and work ethic; her impeccable sewing, creating beautiful clothes for her girls, sometimes from photos in the Montgomery Wards catalog, or tailoring a suit for herself from a used man's suit; "Grandma camp" with maple bars, cinnamon rolls or krautrouza, sewing and plaster-à-Paris projects, and Andy Griffith; her love of a good mystery and her love of dogs; caring for her mother; and the enjoyment making and sitting by a good fire.

June will be missed by her husband Ray Warner, her children - Marilyn and Bill Jackson, Marge and Tom Seiler, and Margaret and David LeMaire, her 10 grandchildren - Aaron, Brook (Danielle), Wendy, Heidi (Jace), Russell (Priscilla), Laurel (Matt), Danii (Christopher), Joel (Amanda), Marc (Abby), Emily (Brian), and 19 great-grandchildren. As well as her children through marriage, Judy and Paul Miller, Gene and Jean Warner, Bob and Malou Warner, (Mike passed 2005) and Kayleen Warner, Sally and Dan Gradin, 14 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be November 4, 2023, at Northwest Christian Church Newberg Campus, 2315 Villa Rd, Newberg, OR 97132

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for June Knobel May Warner - September 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM**