



June Madeleine Stewart Tomlinson

January 24, 1927 - August 12, 2018

JUNE MADELEINE STEWART TOMLINSON—1927-2018

June passed quietly from this life on Aug. 12, 2018 with her son Stewart at her side. She was 91. June was born in London, England Jan. 24, 1927 to Ian Duncan Ritchie and Cordelia Elizabeth May Langridge, named because her mother loved the song “June in January”. June grew up in England and graduated from Bath High School in 1945, attended Business College in Liverpool in 1946, and worked as a clerk-book-keeper for the Liverpool Gas Company from 1947 to 1955. In June, 1955, she emigrated to the United States aboard the Cunard Line Queen Elizabeth to start a new life. June worked as a waitress at the Otis Air Force Base (AFB) Club, and shared a cottage with 2 friends at the Picture Lake Motel in Pocasset, MA. It was on the lake that June met Lt. Oscar F. Tomlinson, her future husband, a pilot in the Air Force. They married at the Otis AFB chapel on Nov. 5, 1955 and took a cross-continental road trip across the U.S. for their honeymoon. Both June and Oscar loved to travel, and the military life was well suited for them. From 1956 to 1970, Oscar and June were stationed at various bases in the U.S. –Mass. (Falmouth, Otis AFB), Texas (Bryan, Hondo, Laredo, Sheppard AFBs), Florida (Tyndall AFB), Georgia (Moody AFB), and California (Hamilton AFB); Germany (Hofgeismar and Berlin), and Turkey (Ankara). During this time, June was the quintessential housewife, raising her two boys, Stewart and Gregory, and active in the bases local housewife clubs. June loved dogs, especially Pekingese, and had one or more in the household most of her life.

June also loved birds, and always had feeders and birdbaths in the yard to attract and watch them. June was proud of her British ancestry and travelled to England to visit her relatives when she could.

In 1970, Lt. Col. Oscar F. Tomlinson died from injuries received in an accident while stationed in Turkey and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. After Oscar's death, June settled in the San Antonio, TX area where some Air Force friends were stationed. June lived there from 1971 to 2011 and worked for many years as a Red Cross volunteer for the eye clinic on Randolph AFB. In Sept, 2011 June moved to Tallahassee to be near her son Stewart where she resided until her death.

June was predeceased by her husband, Oscar (Nov. 15, 1970) and son, Gregory (Nov. 11, 1991). She is survived by her son Stewart Tomlinson (Keith Murchison) of Tallahassee, sister Ann Ritchie of Bath, England, and nephews, nieces, and cousins in Great Britain and the U.S. June will be interred with her late husband at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date with a small ceremony at that time. Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I flew with your husband Oscar in ADC's 84th FIS at Hamilton AFB, CA in 1958. We were in C Flight, flew together in the Northrop F-89J Scorpion, he the pilot up front, me behind him as his Radar Intercept Officer. We were often scrambled out of our beds after midnight in our Alert Shacks at the end of the runway, to intercept unknown aircraft flying towards our USA. Our goal was to identify them as friendly, or hostile with evil intent, perhaps a Cold War identified enemy bomber with their bomb bays open and continuing flight, so for that reason we carried four GARS = Guided Aerial Rockets to shoot them down. We never had to do this in the United States during the Cold War, which lasted for so many years after WW 2 ended, and the Russians invaded and took over many other countries in Europe to the days the Berlin Wall came. It seems that you had a nice life while in the Air Force, with two sons, and a life full of more adventures as a Senior Traveler and a Volunteer in the Eye Clinic. Now with your passing, you will join with Oscar at Arlington forever, just as my wife is waiting for me at the Veterans Cemetary near Sacramento CA. God Bless You and Your Family
Pete McDonough
Roseville/Sacramento, CA



PETER MCDONOUGH - September 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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Pete, thank you for your descriptions of flying with my dad. It was insightful because he never talked about his work to us. I am glad to know he had such dedicated coworkers and friends as yourself. He so loved to fly! It was very emotional having mom and pop reunited at Arlington in June 2019, but it is a fitting and peaceful place for them to be laid to their final rest. I miss them both so much. Thank you for your kind words.

Stewart Tomlinson

Stewart Tomlinson - November 04, 2020 at 10:42 PM

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“ *I just discovered this while reminiscing about my good HS friend Greg, her son. I well remember her little, little dogs with the ferocious yaps. I enjoyed many afternoons and evenings at her house and she was always the consummate host. I confess I greatly miss Greg and his mom. - Terry Forinash*

Terry Forinash - April 23, 2019 at 09:15 PM

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Stewart Tomlinson - August 31, 2018 at 04:56 PM

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