



June Marie Barnette Sands

October 28, 1935 - April 9, 2023

June Marie Barnette Sands took her final journey in the early morning hours of Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, in Tallahassee, FL. June was born October 28, 1935 in Deland, FL to Ralph and Mary Frank Barnette. The family moved to Quincy, FL soon thereafter, and finally to Tallahassee when June was in the 11th grade.

An accomplished musician, June played trombone at Leon High School and was a Marching Chief at Florida State University. She married Thomas Sands in 1955. They moved to Atlanta, GA, where Tom worked for Southern Bell Telephone. There they had two children, Tom Jr. and Valerie. Sadly, Tom Sr. was killed in an Army airplane accident in 1964, after having rejoined the Army.

Widowed at the age of 28, with two young children, June moved back home to Tallahassee to be closer to family. She re-enrolled at FSU and earned a Master's Degree in Social Work. She spent the majority of her career at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee as a psychiatric social worker. Upon her retirement, she indulged her hobbies of spending time at the beach, crafting, crocheting, and enjoying time with her many friends and family.

To know June was to love her. Her tender mercies were given to countless people, from clients to friends and to family. Her radiant smile and Christmas parties were legend.

June is survived by her children, Tom Sands, Jr. and Valerie Weeks (John), niece Erika Waldeck (Brad Ilowit) and great-nephew Wiley Ilowit, great-niece Nicole Guzzardo (Justin), grandchildren Holly Meyer (Steve), Charles Weeks (Jennifer) and Patty Weeks, great-grandchildren Kaitlyn and Amberlyn Weeks, and Ariel and Haylee Carter, and Bonus Niece, Joyce Murray. She was pre-deceased by her parents, her sisters Mary Barnette Waldeck and Carol Barnette, and her husband Thomas F. Sands, Sr.

A special thanks to Covenant Hospice and the staff caregivers at Tapestry Senior Living for their loving care of June the past few years.

A celebration of June's life will be held at Bevis Funeral Home, 200 John Knox Road, on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Flowers are welcome, but if you prefer, please donate to your favorite charity.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 21. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I have thought of June a number of times over the years since she was my excellent Supervisor at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee where I was an MSW Social Work intern. She was sharp and so compassionate with her clients there. I learned a lot from her and remain forever touched by her dedication to her clients there. What an exceptional standout and warm person she was. I am very sad to read that she has passed and extend my sincere condolences to her family.

Joanne Oyen - March 10, 2024 at 02:05 PM

FK

“ To Tommy and Val. You have been blessed to have June as a mother and her father Ralph as a grandfather. Both special people we'll never forget. Bud and Margaret Kross

francis kross kross - November 03, 2023 at 02:43 PM

BEVIS

“ 1 file added to the album Service Footage



Bevis Funeral Home - April 21, 2023 at 06:03 PM

CJ

“ Chris and Marisol Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of June Marie Barnette Sands.



Chris and Marisol Johnson - April 20, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of June Marie Barnette Sands.



April 19, 2023 at 06:30 PM

TF

“ *The Siemens Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of June Marie Barnette Sands.*



The Siemens Family - April 19, 2023 at 02:23 PM

JS

“ *Valerie and Tommy, I am so sorry to hear about your mom, it's been many years since we have seen you guys but you are in our hearts and prayers, love you both,, Jay Sapp*



jay sapp - April 17, 2023 at 07:15 PM

SG

“ *Tommy and Valerie, my sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved Mother. May she rest in peace.*

Sonja Guthrie - April 17, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of June Marie Barnette Sands.*



April 17, 2023 at 09:06 AM

SB

“ *June and I were always friends and after graduation from Leon High School, where we both were in the Leon High School Marching Redcoats, we were the only two Leon band members who joined the FSU Marching Chiefs. I treasured her friendship, and was always so happy to see her at our LHS Reunions. She will be missed by so many! Rest in Peace, sweetheart, and bask in the Glory of God in His Glorious Heaven. Shirley Willis Bennett*



Shirley Willis Bennett - April 14, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of June Marie Barnette Sands.*



April 14, 2023 at 05:41 PM

GS

“ *Greg and Chris Swim purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of June Marie Barnette Sands.*



Greg and Chris Swim - April 14, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of June Marie Barnette Sands.*



April 14, 2023 at 02:24 PM