



June Kelsay

June 29, 1925 - March 23, 2014

June L. Kelsay was born June 29, 1925 to Lula Tirey Kelsay and Olin A. Kelsay on the Kelsay Farm between Jacksboro and Perrin Texas. She was the last of 6 children, Fayne L. Kelsay, Laura E. Kelsay, Milas M. Kelsay, Clinton F. Kelsay, and Clyde B. Kelsay. When she was three years old, the family moved to Marlow, OK. She graduated from Marlow High School in 1943. She received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Foods and Nutrition from North Texas State College in Denton, Texas in 1946 and 1947. In 1967 she received a Ph.D. in Food and Nutrition from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin.

From 1947-1950 she served as an instructor at North Texas State College. In 1951 -1952 she worked as a lab technician at the Texas Experiment Station in College Station, Texas. She held the position of Nutrition Specialist, Research Nutritionist, and related titles at ARS, USDA, Beltsville, MD for 30 years. Most of the last 20 years was spent in the Carbohydrate Laboratory.

She was a member of the American Institute of Nutrition, the American Society of Clinical Nutrition, the American Society for Nutritional Sciences. And has more than 100 publications in scientific journals and books. She received the Borden Award for Nutrition presented by the American Home Economics Association in 1987. She was listed in American Men and Women of Science.

June was an active member of many organizations, including the Potomac Valley Ski Club, the Potomac-Appalachian Trail Club, the Wanderbirds Hiking Club, Miriam Sellers' Senior Tap Dancers. She was active in the National Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC. And served on the Board of Deacons, in the Sunday Evening Club, the Hunger Committee, and a member of the Archives and Library Committee.

After retirement, June spent some 15 years in the Washington, DC area enjoying such activities as skiing, hiking, tap dancing, working in the National Presbyterian Church in the archives, and traveling. In 2000 she returned to Texas to be near family.

She was a member of the College Hill Church of Christ in Gunter, Texas and of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sherman, Texas.

June enjoyed traveling. Although she was no expert, she enjoyed skiing in Europe and Canada as well as in the U.S. She hiked the Appalachian Trail and other areas near Washington. She attended professional meetings in the U.S., South American, Europe, and India.

She is survived by 4 nephews; 2 nieces and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Perrin Memorial Gardens

300 Back Cemetery Road
Perrin, TX 76486

Previous Events

Service

MAR 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home
152 State Hwy 148
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 567-3778

Tribute Wall



“ June Kelsay

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ June Kelsay

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM