



## June I. Hand

April 2, 1931 - April 17, 2020

June Iris Hand, age 89, of Pleasanton, passed away Friday, April 17, 2020, at her home in Pleasanton with her family by her side. Private family graveside services will be at the Pleasanton Cemetery with Pastor Dean Hanson officiating. Visitation without the family present will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 20th, 2020 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. We ask that people comply with the CDC and State of Nebraska's suggestions of limiting the size of gatherings. Memorials may be made to the Grace Lutheran Church or the Pleasanton Volunteer Fire Department.

Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremations Services are in charge of arrangements.

June I. Pritchard was born April 2, 1931 to Robert and Helen Jones Pritchard at their farm home in Pleasant Valley. She was the oldest of seven children: June, Delda, Carolyn, Corene, Bob, Corliss and Brian. June spent her childhood helping with all the farm chores and caring for her younger siblings. She was baptized on May 28, 1939 and confirmed on June 17, 1945 in the Calvary Lutheran Church in Pleasant Valley. She attended Pleasant Valley District #57 through the eighth grade and was graduated from Pleasanton High School with the class of 1948.

June always helped her Dad with field work and putting up hay with the help of her sisters and best friend Darlene Hoffman. She also checked cattle in the far pasture on her horse, Reba.

June and Norman Hand, son of Raymond and Julia Klein Hand, were married November 3, 1949 and started married life on the "Halpin Farm" later known as "Honeymoon Hill." Their children Bobby Ray and Sherry Lynn were born while on the farm. In 1956 the family moved to Pleasanton where Renee' Denise and Jon Michael joined the family.

June and Norman, along with their friends Duane and Adaline Geisler, bought and operated Capp's Cafe for a couple years. For many years she served as "flagwoman" for their crop spraying business, Hand Flying Service. June later was a school cook, became a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1974, and did the bookkeeping at Hand Machining, along with farming the "Halpin Farm."

One of June's projects was to research both the Pritchard and Hand families' genealogy. Because of this research June had the great vision that the Pleasanton community should

have its history published so that the coming generations would appreciate the sacrifices made by all who had passed this way. This was the start of the "Pleasanton on the Loup" historical book. June worked on this book along with many other dedicated volunteers. June remarked that she had played softball for twenty-five years as mainly the catcher. She also played women's golf and couple's golf at Prairie Hills. In later years she used her golf cart to maintain her bluebird houses.

June was always involved with community service and activities including Fort Kearney Genealogical Society, Buffalo County Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Pleasanton Cemetery Board, Ravenna Annevar Quilt Guild, Kearney Quilt Guild, Pleasanton Red Hat Society, Pleasanton Volunteer Fire Department (started EMT's in a '57 station wagon and later helped staff the ambulance), Grace Lutheran Church Altar Guild and Kingdom Workers, and Bluebird Society. Her hobbies included farming, gardening, hunting, waterskiing, softball, golf, and babysitting "her babies". June received several awards and recognition including the Ak-Sar-Ben Good Neighbor award and the Pleasanton Volunteer Fire Department Cornerstone award. As demonstrated by the above activities and awards it is evident that she was person of wisdom and warmth plus being generous and giving. Her positive outlook on life was to be admired.

Survivors include her husband Norman Ray of 70 years of Pleasanton; sons, Bobby Ray (Leatta) Hand and Jon (Diane) Hand from Pleasanton; daughter, Sherry (Richard) Fisher of Scottsbluff; grandchildren, Chevy Fisher, and James (Candace) Fisher of Scottsbluff; Ricky (Becca) Fisher of Cheyenne, WY; Amber (Travis) Richard of Pleasanton; JenaRae (Eric) Vieth of Aurora; Dalton Hand and his fiancé Jessica of Kearney; Adeline Hand and her fiancé Adam, and Conner Hand of Pleasanton; eleven great grandchildren (June loved to be called "GG"); sisters, Delda Klein Johnson, Corene (Errol) Phillips, Corliss (Phil) Dixon and sister-in-law Iva Pritchard all of Pleasanton; brother Brian (Hope) Pritchard of Pleasanton; brother-in-law Rex Hand of Kearney as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband's parents, daughter Renee' (1978), sister Carolyn (1941), brother Bob (2019), brother-in-law Donald Klein (1973) and sister-in-law Betty Hand (2018).

# Cemetery

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## Pleasanton Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE, 68866

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl

2421 Avenue A, Kearney, NE, US, 68847

# Comments

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“ June was definitely a special lady. My son's favorite blankey as a child was made by June and had Jesus written all over it. She meant so much to so many people. One day we know we will all be reunited, but in the mean time, our prayers are with all her family and loved ones during this time of loss. God be with you.

**Bryan and Nancy Hanson** - April 20 at 08:25 PM

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“ I met June when I joined DAR and she always had the most sweetest smile and words of encouragement. My condolences to her family. I'm sure she will be missed.  
Pat Skiles, Regent  
Ft Kearney Chapter NSDAR

**pat skiles** - April 20 at 03:56 PM

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“ I attended nursing school with June. She was a great mother figure to me during that year. She led us in a song for our class to sing when we graduated. A beautiful soul, my sympathy to the family. Cindy Schmeeckle Schneider.



**Cindy Schneider** - April 20 at 02:55 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of June I. Hand.



April 20 at 01:16 PM

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“ James and Candace Fisher and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of June I. Hand.



James and Candace Fisher and Family - April 20 at 09:20 AM

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“ June was one of the sweetest souls God placed on earth. I will never forget the beautiful memories she has etched into my heart. From our golf outings, to inviting us to her church where we joined, to helping give me the best baby shower ever with homemade quilts and blankets. Trips through her garden and flights to Hastings for breakfast along with showing me how to make HER pie crust are just a few of the precious moments I will cherish. Thank you for your friendship and love. Rest In Peace June until we meet again.

All my love,  
Melissa Murphy

melissa murphy - April 20 at 12:16 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of June I. Hand.



April 19 at 08:05 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of June I. Hand.



April 19 at 05:01 PM

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“ The family of Steve Ripp sends out deepest and most heartfelt condolences to all of you over the loss of June. She was such a joy! Steve and Connie Ripp

**Steve and Connie Ripp** - April 19 at 03:57 PM

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“ Chuck and scooter Morse and Bob Komonce purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of June I. Hand.



**Chuck and scooter Morse and Bob Komonce** - April 19 at 03:37 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of June I. Hand.



April 19 at 12:40 PM

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“ June as always home when we visited Pleasanton. It was so much fun to watch her and Hap laugh and have such a good time together even though they both talked very loud so they could hear each other.

**Audrey Jones** - April 19 at 12:25 PM



“ Our condolences to the Hand family. June was a delight to work with setting her up with computers first in the shop then in her home for her genealogy project. She always put a smile on everyone face when she visited our store mostly with her loud energetic voice.

Ron and Theresa Baack

**Ron Baack** - April 20 at 11:47 PM



“ The tribute to June from Pleasanton to her final resting place was a fitting memorial to her life. She will be missed by all who knew her. We were honored to have known her. We will miss her.

Virginia & Joe Meuret

**Virginia & Joe Meuret** - April 21 at 02:25 PM