



June Chaffee

July 22, 1932 - March 11, 2025

June L. Chaffee (Morse), age 92 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at the MyMichigan Medical Center of Midland, with family by her side. On July 22, 1932, June was born the daughter of Rex and Fern (Marshall) Morse, in Flint, MI. Shortly after she was born, June's family moved to Coleman, MI., where June spent her entire childhood and later graduated from Coleman High School as part of the class of 1950. After high school, June worked for a brief time at the Clare Hospital, where she caught the eye of her coworker Billy J. Chaffee. On June 13, 1953, June and Billy were united in marriage at Clare's United Methodist Church, and the pair enjoyed nearly thirty-eight years together until the time of Bill's passing in May of 1991. During her working years when she wasn't tending to her home of four boys, June helped her husband Bill operate his plumbing sales and supply service (Chaffee Supply Co.), which they ran out of their home. Those that knew June well knew that family was the absolute center of her life. From watching her son's sporting events and motorcycle races in her younger years, through following all of her cherished grandchildren's sporting events, June rarely missed a game, a family gathering, or any opportunity to hold a grandbaby or great grandbaby.

June is survived by her four sons Scott (Tammy) Chaffee of Clare, Gary Chaffee of Coleman, Doug Chaffee of Clare, and Mark Chaffee of Lake George, her four grandchildren Amber (Sam) Kruskamp, Shannon (Ryan) Bellman, Jesse (Vanessa) Chaffee, and Cody (Kedra) Chaffee, and her eight

great-grandchildren Max, Griffin, Harper, Meela, Madison, Nevaeh, Nora, and Nash. She is also survived by her sister Karen Phillips and many nieces and nephews. June was preceded in death by her husband Bill Chaffee, her parents Rex and Fern Morse, her siblings Joan Clute, Donna Doughty, Duane Morse, and Sandy Lytle, and her bonus parents Faye and Lloyd McGuire. In keeping with June's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of June's life will take place Friday, March 21 at 12 Noon at the Clare United Methodist Church. Friends may visit with her family at the church from 11 AM until the time of services. June's final place of rest will be the Cherry Grove Cemetery of Clare with her husband Bill. Memorial contributions in honor of June may be directed to either the Clare United Methodist Church, Clare High School Athletics, or to Coleman High School Athletics. For those unable to attend, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church
105 E. Seventh Street
Clare, MI 48617

Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ My sincere condolences to Scott, Gary, Doug, Mark and their families. June was such a kind and sweet lady. She had such a generous heart and loving spirit. Our families have known one another for a lot of years. It was always such a great memory when spending a day at Higgins with the Chaffee family! June and my mom were lifelong friends. Whether it was a shopping or casino trip or just morning coffee at McDonalds, you could hear them visiting and giggling the entire time! How fitting is it that they would end up living down the hall from another at Pioneer Gold Estates in their latter years! They were still inseparable there and I would find them as usual, visiting and giggling about their old times. She was a good and supportive friend to my mom. Please know how much my brothers and I appreciated that. June loved her boys and their families as that was her pride and joy. She cherished her grandchildren. She was such a wonderful lady and she lived a long and full life. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Mary Wood - March 20, 2025 at 09:18 AM

BL

“ Scott, Gary, Doug, and Mark, I think you all know how much your parents meant to me in my youth and adulthood. I would like to thank them both for allowing me to grow up in your family, the fifth son. Always including me, always welcoming me, always supporting me. Once I moved away I tried to keep them involved in my life as much as I could. For the last 33 years June has been my primary contact into Clare happenings and your lives. We shared many conversations both in person and by phone. I was hoping that this day would never come. It leaves a void in my life that will be hard to fill. Love you all, Bob

Bob Lozen - March 16, 2025 at 03:56 PM

BL

“ Bob Lozen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of June Chaffee.



Bob Lozen - March 16, 2025 at 03:31 PM

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“ Bob Lozen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of June Chaffee.

Bob Lozen - March 16, 2025 at 03:31 PM

AB

“ Scott, Gary, Doug, Mark - June was one of my favorite aunts. She always had a kind word for everyone and would help anyone in need. Since I was her first niece, I remember her telling me that when I was born, she could hardly wait until payday so that she could buy me my first dress. She loved clothes and shopping. It must be in the genes because I do too.

You all were lucky to have such a great mom and I was lucky to have such a great aunt. She will be missed, Andi Clute Baes

Andi Baes - March 16, 2025 at 11:37 AM

RL

“ Scott, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. Bob and Linda Love

Robert love - March 16, 2025 at 08:32 AM

TF

“ *The Gershon Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of June Chaffee.*



The Gershon Family - March 16, 2025 at 12:08 AM

PL

“ *So sorry for your loss of your mother. She was a kind, warm, friendly woman who will never be forgotten. RIP. Peggy Murphy Lozen*

Peggy Lozen - March 15, 2025 at 09:15 PM

BH

“ *Saw Mrs. Chaffee at many, many ballgames and spent lots of time in her driveway with a band of mini-motorcyclists resting after hours of riding in the trails behind their house. Missed but never forgotten.*

Bruce Lee Hales - March 15, 2025 at 07:34 PM

CW

“ *I was privileged to know June for only a few years. I always enjoyed pampering her each week at the beauty salon at Pioneer Golden Estates. June will be missed and will always hold a very special place in my heart 😊. My condolences and sympathy to all of June's family for your loss.*

Cathy Woodry - March 15, 2025 at 06:17 PM

NB

“ *I grew up in the same neighborhood as June’s sons. There was always a baseball game in her yard with lots of kids. June was the neighborhood Mom to all of us. What a wonderful woman! She will be missed!* ”



Nancy Bruce Bauer - March 15, 2025 at 02:49 PM