

June Marie Laskowske was born on June 10, 1948, in Ortonville, MN to John and Josephine (Messler) Laskowske. She was baptized, and later, confirmed at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Milbank, SD. Her father died while she and her siblings were still young, and the family remained on the farm only a short time before moving to Milbank, SD. June considered herself fortunate to be able to attend St. Lawrence School for her early educational formation and then, in 1968 she proudly earned her diploma from Milbank High School.



The United States Army enlisted June soon after graduation. Basic training at Fort McClellan, AL, was tough in the heat and humidity, but after surviving that challenge she was moved to Fort Sill, OK, where she served as a trainee military secretary to begin, taking on more responsibility as the years progressed. June made sure there was never a dull moment in the office with her subtle, yet sublime, humor. She was rewarded for the three and one-half years she spent in the Army, eventually being promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Following an honorable discharge on February 26, 1971, June returned to Milbank where she took up residence with her sister, Marlys.

Initially she went to school at the Watertown VoTech, saying it was mostly "for fun." She studied medicine while there and left with a degree as a med aid. A job was secured at St. William's Care Center in Milbank, where she worked a number of positions over the years.

June had a deep love for all of God's creatures. Her thumb was as green as any thumb could be, bringing life back to plants that everyone else had given up on, with her natural talent for gardening. If you had a question of any sort about plants, be they garden produce or flowers, June was the person to ask. Her knowledge in that area was incredible! Of course, since she loved to garden, she also loved to can her produce. Homemade sauces and jellies from tomatoes and chokecherries were abundant on her shelves and in her freezer. As a collector of cookbooks, June was able to try many new recipes with all that produce.

June's passions weren't limited to gardening and working, however. Cats definitely make the list of creatures she loved, and it was evident in the way she fostered felines, making sure they were well fed and well loved. Watching birds was another joy for June. She made sure the plethora of feeders in her yard were always full. Really, she had a deep love for all of God's creatures. In her free time, especially in the dark of winter evenings, June enjoyed watching one of the massive collection of movies she and Marlys owned. June favored the animated Disney films, except 101 Dalmatians which she thought had too much animal cruelty.

A devoted member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, June remained active in her faith throughout her life.

June is survived by her sister; Sr. Savina Laskowske, DMSP, of Sleepy Eye, MN; her surrogate big brother, Tim Weber and his wife, Terri, of Milbank. She was preceded in death by her parents: John and Josephine Laskowske; sister, Marlys Laskowske; and brothers: Delmar Laskowske and Marvin Laskowske. The residents and staff at St. Williams Care Center will miss her cheerful demeanor and generous heart.

In Loving Memory of

June Laskowske

WHO WAS BORN

June 10, 1948
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME

July 17, 2025
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

St. William's Chapel
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANT

Fr. John Helmueller

MUSICIANS

Sandy Tucholke, Pianist
Terri Weber, Vocalist

SPECIAL MUSIC

"On Eagle's Wings" | "His Eye is on the Sparrow"
"Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" | "Song of Farewell"
"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

ACTIVE CASKET BEARERS

St. William's Care Staff

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Sr. Caryn | Sr. Rhonda | Sr. Sharon | Sr. Emily

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9
V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054
D.A.V. Chapter #19
Sons of American Legion Post #9

INTERMENT

St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

June's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family and friends in the St. William's coffee shop.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota





Rose
Love



Lilly
Majesty



Alstroemeria
Aspiring



Iris
Inspiration

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



Wax
Rose



Lisianthus
Calming



Gerbera
Truth



Easter
Patience

