

Villa June Hale, 90, of Morrow, Ohio passed away on June 14, 2026. June was born in Berwind, West Virginia on June 6, 1936 to the late Steve and Lake (Turner) Edwards. On March 31, 1954, she married the love of her life, James Hubert Hale, who preceded her in death on January 30, 2001.

June is survived by daughters, Terry (Teddy) Payne of Defiance, Kathy Hale of White House, Tennessee; and Lisa (Troy) Schade of Morrow, Ohio. The grandchildren that she helped to raise are Shane Keeterle, Samantha (Brad) Holcomb and Kyrach Schade. Additional grandchildren are Niki (Chad) Smith, Gary (Meagan) Taylor, Craig (Cheri) Taylor, Kevin (Rachael) Payne, Sterling (Emily) Payne, and Allison (Casey) Holcomb. Great-grandchildren: Kendra (Coleman) Taylor, Derek (Taylor) Mason, Jasmin Smith, Jackson Taylor, Liam Taylor, Marisa Bowling, Evan Taylor, Xavier Payne, Jackson Payne, Lainey Payne and Abby Hill. Great-great-grandchildren: Kayden Kepler and Cody Farr.

One of the most important things to June was her family. She was a much-loved aunt to many nieces and nephews; one that she helped to raise, Vickie (Woody) Holcomb. June was also a “bonus” mom to Shelton and Sandi Bradbury; as well as Grandma June to their children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, June was preceded in death by her sister, Theda Miller and her brothers Pastor Bert Edwards, Harold Edwards, Grey Edwards, Pastor James Edwards and great-grandson Issac Reed.

June’s faith and trust in Jesus was how she faced everything in life. She made sure that her loved ones knew that she prayed for them every day. She was a founding member of the First Baptist Church in Antwerp, Ohio and was currently attending Christ’s Fellowship at Little Miami in Maineville, Ohio. She spent decades serving the Lord as a song leader, choir member, children’s Sunday School teacher and coordinator, VBS director, children’s choir leader and singing with her brother and friends in a southern gospel group.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 18th from 4 to 7pm at Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp, Ohio. Funeral services will be at 2:30pm on Friday the 19th at the funeral home; with viewing starting at 1:30pm.

She will be laid to rest at Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Preferred memorials are to Christ’s Fellowship at Little Miami.

If you knew our mother, you know how much she loved music; so today will be a celebration of that. You will hear some of her favorites, some she picked out herself, and some of our favorites that will help us remember her best.

Mama’s Teaching Angels How to Sing by The Isaacs

Our Mama encouraged us to sing whenever we got the chance. She’s the one who taught us, so it’s fitting to start with this one.

Where Her Heart Has Always Been by Alan Jackson

Alan wrote this for his mother, and it fits our mother too.

➤ *Scripture and prayer by Pastor Tim Yazel*

The Solid Rock by Guy Penrod

This hymn was one of our Daddy’s favorites. She asked that it be included today.

It Is Well With My Soul by CeCe Winans

This was one of Mother’s favorite hymns. She requested it.

Had It Not Been by The Continental Quartet

Mother sang with this group when they recorded this album. She leads the first verse and chorus of this song.

➤ *Eulogy and Remembrances by Pastor Allen Miller*

I Want to Stroll Over Heaven with You by Alan Jackson

Another favorite she requested.

Amazing Grace by George Jones

Written by Madeline McCoy; June's sister-in-law.

When infinity becomes a reality
And time has had its final nod.
When my life has reached completion
Where will I stand with God?

All the things I thought so important.
May seem as nothing to Him.
When standing before the Father,
How will I answer Him?

Have I, in truth, done all I could do?
Or mostly pleased just me?
Will I be ashamed of my testimony.
When I look on the one, who died for me?

I cannot say I have suffered,
When He was crucified.
I cannot say I have sacrificed,
When, for me, He bled and died.

Will I bow at His feet with blushes,
When given that Heavenly prod?
I must ask myself this question.
Where do I stand with God?



Villa June Hale

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