

In Loving Memory of
June A. Delph

February 9, 1933 – July 1, 2009



The Norman Chapel
Spring Grove Cemetery
July 7, 2009
2:00 PM

Deacon Francis Wagner
Officiating

Order of Service

- Kyrie*.....Machaut
Performed by Paul Delph
- Welcome.....Deacon Francis Wagner
- Remembering June.....Maria Sulcer
- Appreciation*.....Written & Performed by Paul Delph
- Remembering June.....Scott Knox
- Mama Don't Cry*.....Written & Performed by Paul Delph
- A Tribute to June.....Deacon Francis Wagner
- Breath of Life*.....Written & Performed by Paul Delph
Sermon excerpts courtesy of Unity Fellowship Church, LA.
- The Dance at the End of Time*.....Jimmie Spheeris
Read by Paul Delph
- Remembering June....An Invitation to Friends & Family



Please join the family immediately following the service
at the Gwen Mooney Funeral Home Reception Center

Reflections on a Remarkable Life

June A. Delph was born in the small community of East Bernstadt, Kentucky on February 9, 1933. She and her three sisters, Wilma, Mavis and Pat, were known then and now as The Allen Girls. She met her future husband, Harold, at the Hazel Green School when she was nine years old.

June and Harold married on July 7, 1950 and moved to Chicago where they lived until they moved to Cincinnati in 1952. They had two children; Linda, the first-born and Paul. The 1980's produced two grandchildren: Linda's daughters Kristen and Caitlin.

June worked for the University of Cincinnati for many years and then earned her real estate license in 1978. She quickly earned her broker's license and opened the very successful **June A. Delph Realty** in 1980.

When June and Harold's son, Paul, came out to them as a gay man with AIDS in the early 1990's, June began to educate herself about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. She subscribed to *The Advocate* and read everything she could find about the GLBT community. In January, 1996, Paul moved home from L.A. and June closed her realty business to care for him until he died at the age of 39.

After Paul's death, June and Harold became involved with the local GLBT community. They created the **Paul L. Delph Memorial Scholarship** fund. June had an **AIDS Memorial Quilt** panel created for Paul. She never missed a **Cincinnati Men's Chorus** or **MUSE** concert.

Along the way, June began wearing what became her signature, a red ribbon AIDS awareness pin and a button that read "I'm straight but not narrow." Every day, whether or not she planned to leave the house, she placed the two pins on the

left side of her outfit. She received many comments from complete strangers over the years regarding the button, nearly all of them positive.

June, Harold and daughter Linda were co-presidents of PFLAG Cincinnati (**P**arents, **F**amilies and **F**riends of **L**esbians and **G**ays) for three years. They touched many lives during the monthly PFLAG support group meetings.

June and Harold also became close friends with the **Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire** ("The Court") after Court members held several fundraising drag shows for the PFLAG scholarship program. As soon as Court members got to know June they adopted her and she them. In 2004 The Court bestowed one of their highest honors on June, the **Lydia Grant Humanitarian Award**.

As Harold often says, "They say gay men aren't attracted to women, but I never met a gay man who didn't love June." It's not only the gay community that loved **June Delph**. Her memory will be cherished by her family and a wide circle of dear friends.



Acknowledgement

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation to the many who supported us over the last months with prayers, phone calls, cards, e-mails, flowers, meals, visits and hugs. We would especially like to thank June's sister, Wilma Pittman, who stood with us to the very end.

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June A. Delph 1933 - 2009



DELPH, June A.

DELPH June A. Beloved wife of Harold Delph. Devoted mother of Linda K. Delph-Arnest and the late Paul Delph. Loving sister of Wilma Pittman, Mavis(Henry) Patton, and the late Pat Voelpel. Dear grandmother of Kristen McClanahan and Caitlin Arnest. Successful owner of June A. Delph Realty and longtime advocate for the GLBT community. Passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at the age of 76 years. A memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Tuesday, July 7th at the Norman Chapel at Spring Grove Cemetery. Inurnment at Spring Grove Cemetery. Sympathy may be expressed by a memorial contribution to the Pershing FBO Paul Delph Scholarship Fund c/o Whitehall Financial Services, 4015 Executive Park Dr., Suite 300 Cincinnati, OH 45241. Gwen Mooney Funeral Home (513-853-1035) entrusted with the funeral arrangements.