



## June Peterson Phillips

May 5, 1929 - May 14, 2021

June Peterson Phillips was born in Loa, Utah on May 5, 1929. Her race of life started in a small town in South Central Utah and continued for 92 years and 9 days on May 14, 2021.

She is survived by four daughters, Vicki Hoosier of Holly Springs, NC, Dianne Phillips Clark of Abbeville, LA, Melanie Phillips Crawford of Houston, TX and Mary Phillips Menesses (Todd) of Independence, KS; six sons, Rodney Wayne Keely (Dianne) of Darby, MT, Gary Mark Keely of McKenzie Bridge, OR, Stanley Boyd Keely (Pam) of Fountain Hill, AR, William Riley Phillips, III (Wendy) of Lafayette, LA and Jack Clayton Phillips (Janet) of Youngsville, LA; twenty-nine grandchildren; fifty-four great grandchildren; and twelve great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Riley Phillips, Jr.; her parents, Thomas Jerid Peterson and Margaret Elen Taylor Peterson of Utah; twelve brothers and sisters; and one son, Henry Jerome Phillips.

The events in her life led her through many states, towns, jobs and circumstances. Some good times and some bad times, but all were dictated by choices whether good or bad, right or wrong. For 92 years she continued running her race that came to an end at her home on a Friday afternoon surrounded by her family members that she loved so much. Always being a very independent lady, she ended up needing help as her earthly body began to wear out.

She had many accomplishments in her life, with the greatest being a great grandmother, grandmother, friend, and caring person. She was once known as a fierce competitor in the Rodeo circuits, winning several Barrel Racing Championships across Texas and Louisiana. Surviving stiff competition, nasty falls, and one that left her with a bent belt buckle that saved her when she was stepped on. Continuing on until time began sneaking up on her as it does with all of us. Always being a peacemaker and gentle person, not only by her speech but also by her actions.

Retiring with 26 years of work with the Bell System, she and her husband, Bill, moved back to Lafayette in 1982. She continued in a servant's role with great hospitality and always caring for others, feeding missionaries, transporting friends to doctor's appointments, having an ear for those struggling with problems and always ready to do whatever she could to help.

After a 2-year battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and surviving Covid she began to decline. As she declined, she was encouraged and taken care of by family members but still always trying to do for others. She succumbed to her inevitable appointed time of death. She will forever be missed and remembered by all those who knew her. Loved forever by her family and friends. She is deeply missed.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Bishop Ryan Nelson, Bishop of the Lafayette Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, will officiate the services. Visitation will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Saturday from 9:30 AM until time of the services.

Pallbearers will be Stan Keely, Damon Keely, Derek Keely, Wayne Keely, Justin Leslie, Shay Hoosier and Taylor Phillips.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

Martin & Castille Funeral Home - DOWNTOWN, 330 St. Landry Street Lafayette, Louisiana 70506 337-234-2311

# Cemetery

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## Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2300 N. University Ave.  
Lafayette, LA, 70507

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:00AM

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day  
Saints

116 E. Bluebird, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

**MAY** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - May 20 at 04:48 PM

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“ 114 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - May 20 at 04:39 PM

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“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of June Peterson Phillips.



May 19 at 07:54 PM

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“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of June Peterson Phillips.



May 19 at 07:49 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of June Peterson Phillips.



May 19 at 11:57 AM

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“ Always enjoyed seeing June on Saturday mornings at Sandy's. We enjoyed talking about needlework Sweetest lady and so kind. Sending prayers to all .



**Bobbie Theriot** - May 17 at 05:29 PM

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“ Betty G Cormier lit a candle in memory of June Peterson Phillips



**Betty G Cormier** - May 17 at 03:43 PM



“ I always enjoyed my early morning visits with Ms. June at the Hair Bazaar Salon listening to her stories of the South Central Bell Telephone Company days. She was a sweet and smart lady and she loved to read. I really admired her beautiful white hair.

I will miss her! May She Rest In Peace!

**Betty G Cormier** - May 17 at 03:56 PM

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“Wow, I did not realize she was 17 years older than me! She was always perfectly coiffed, and dressed and gracious in every way. A true lady of grace and beauty. I'm so happy for her day of rest and reunion. My heart and prayers to those who will miss her earthly presence. You are truly blessed by the knowledge that this is a brief separation. Jesus said "Behold and lo, I come quickly." Closer every day!

**Genelle Williams** - May 16 at 07:09 PM

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“Our family loved and respected June for many years as she was always a dear friend to at least 3 generations in the Moulder/Specht/Hathcock family. Then one day, we discovered that she and I were distant cousins who descended from a common ancestor who was the first Mormon baptized in Missouri in the early 1830's. From that point on, we greeted each other with "Hello, Cuz". She will be missed, but never forgotten and we know that we will meet again someday. With love, Larry Hathcock & Family

**Larry & Margaret Hathcock** - May 16 at 07:06 PM

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“It is hard to put into words how I felt about June. What wonderful and dear friend she was! She was always giving and serving others. My Mom lived so far away and June was there to help with Motherly advice for me. She and I both shared a love for horses! I enjoyed coming into her home and visiting with her and always made to feel loved and welcomed. When Bill was our home teacher, June would come with him to visit our family. A spiritual message was shared along with humorous stories to make us laugh till our sides hurt .  
They are together again and I miss them both Thank you June for being such a big part of my life and my family's life! Till we meet again. Love you! Marta Wuertenberg

**Marta Wuertenberg** - May 16 at 06:13 PM

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“From way back in the Lafayette Branch days, thank you for your kindness and long suffering with a bunch of crazy young women,"MIA" nights. Many fond memories. With love, Brenda Higbee

**Brenda Higbee** - May 16 at 06:02 PM

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“ June was an outstanding woman and always so kind and loving to everyone! She loved and supported me in good times and bad and was such a wonderful example to me. I admired her kind-heart, her charity and her sweet testimony. I have many fond memories of her and especially the happy times we shared when we all met for our single ladies “Family Home Evenings!” She was like a second mother to me and I will always love her and remember her. She holds a special place in my heart. Forever Friends-till we meet again, dear June

**Pat Morgan** - May 16 at 02:22 PM

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“ What an honor to have you in my life. You will ever be a spiritual beacon to me. Until we meet again, carry all of this love and gratitude with you



**Dianne Phillips Clark** - May 16 at 01:28 PM