



June Hoorelbeck

January 3, 2026

On Jan 3 2026, after seven years of separation June Hoorelbeck (Smith) was reunited with her beloved husband and the love of her life, Don. Though we find peace in knowing they are together once more, she will be deeply missed by all who loved her, especially her family.

June passed away peacefully at the age of 86 with her loving family by her side. Dearest mother of Allen Hoorelbeck, Suzanne Jackson (Dave), Lori deBakker (Brian). Treasured grandmother of Courtney Hoorelbeck (Mike), Samantha Jackson (Kieran), Benjamin Jackson, Christina Mel (Corey), Ashley Kerr (Tyler), Madison deBakker and Grace deBakker. Precious great grandmother of Abby and Charlie Kerr.

Dear sister of Marilyn Waites (the late Glen), the late Betty and Doug Farnsworth, sister-in-law of Janet Hoorelbeck (the late Gordon). She will be missed by several nieces and nephews.

June was born in Leamington Ontario on Feb 9, 1939, to the late Glen and Ruth (Lott) Smith. Often talking about her days growing up on the farm and picking potatoes, hanging tobacco, and letting the cows out, June was a true farm girl. After high school June attended business college for two years and began her career as a secretary.

In 1958 she married her true love, Don. They started a life together in St Marys and had their first child Allen. They would then move to Wallaceburg to build their career and family further with the arrival of Suzanne and Lori. June and Don spent the rest of their lives raising their children and enjoying their grandchildren for over 60 years in Wallaceburg.

After being a stay-at-home mom for numerous years June became the secretary at A. A. Wright Public School for over 20 years. June was the heart and soul of the school and thoroughly enjoyed her career there. Her numerous stories of dealing with the children and their daily needs were always a joy to listen to. June would meet former A.A. Wright students everywhere she went in town, and it would bring a bright smile to her face whenever they spoke to her.

In retirement June and Don spent their winters at Oakside Mobile park in Zephyrhills, Florida for over 18 years. Here they thoroughly enjoyed the community, the activities, the various outings and all the special friendships they made.

June, aka Junebug, was also the “Nuts and Bolts” lady. She loved to spend her time in the kitchen making her strawberry jam, banana bread and her famous Nuts and Bolts. Handing these special treats out to her favourite people in the community gave her immense pleasure and always put a smile on her face.

Family and grandchildren were the core of June’s life. However, June’s heart was split in two when Don passed in 2018 and she carried a profound sense of loss. We take solace in knowing that they have been reunited and are now together again in their home above.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at the Haycock-

Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231) on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 from 2-4 and 6-8pm. Her Funeral will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 11am, followed by burial beside her beloved husband in Riverview Cemetery. June was a cancer survivor in 1988, if desired donations in memory of June may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or donations may be made to St. Joseph's Hospice Sarnia where Don peacefully passed in 2018.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home
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Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4G9 (CA)
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Visitation

JAN 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

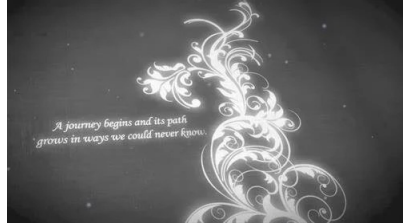
JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of June Hoorelbeck



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 12 at 02:14 PM

EP

“ *Some days are happy. Some sad. Either of those can be surprisingly so.*

I was a high school friend of June's son Al. I haven't seen Al for maybe 30 years now, but, for various reasons, some of them even good, he's come up so frequently in conversation with my wife that she, just today, said she wants to meet him.

We were on the road at the time. She tried to find Al on her phone with no success. Back home, my searches found this...

This makes today a surprisingly sad one.

I offer my most sincere condolences to Al, Suzanne and Lori. The last time I saw Suze, as Al called her at the time at least, she demonstrated her self-defence skills by flipping him in his kitchen (go Suze!). Lori was driving a Mustang.

Like Al, I'm now the oldest in my family. That comes with the pain and sadness that you're experiencing now. It's been a month now since June passed. In my case, it's been many years. The pain never completely goes away but, over time, it ends up living deep in the shadows of the happy memories of a loving parent.

I had Maggot Brain (Funkadelic) playing while I typed this. Not the nicest name but an appropriate song for the situation. Point your axe towards the west coast and play that song for me sometime, Al.

Edwin's locker partner - February 15 at 04:34 AM

AH

Thanks for the nice comments. Look me up on Facebook

Allen Hoorelbeck - February 19 at 10:43 AM

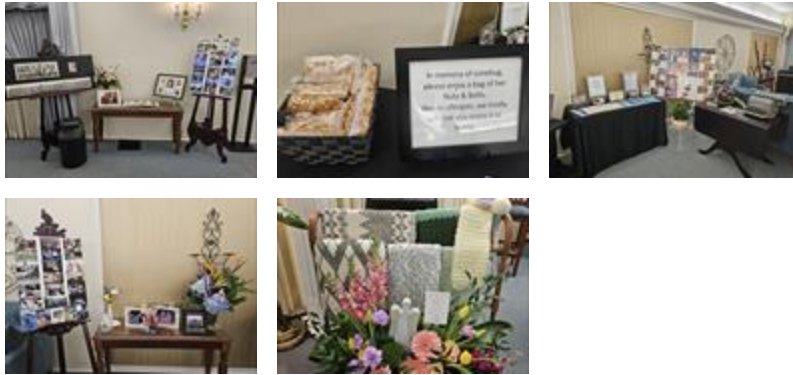
KV

“ So sorry for your loss. June was so friendly and easy to talk to. She was always a pleasure to be around.

Kim and Rick Vancoillie - January 21 at 08:34 PM

CH

“ 6 files added to the album Funeral Tributes



Cavanagh Funeral Home - January 16 at 12:54 PM

JK

“ I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. June was a very sweet lady. I had 2 girls who attended AAWright school and had June as their office secretary. I never worried about them at the school because there was an angel looking out for them in the office. Sending our love and condolences to the family

Judy Kitchen - January 13 at 08:33 PM

PN

“ Sorry for your loss ...Condolences and prayers to all the family ...



Petra Nowakowski - January 13 at 09:59 AM

MN

“ When I think of my childhood, Mrs. Horelbeck is a core memory. From her being the best secretary AA Wright has seen, to her fudge on Halloween. It was a blessing to live across the street from her. It had been 22 years since I lived on her street and last summer she was on my mind. I went for a walk down the street and Lori was pulling out of the driveway and encouraged me to stop and say hi. We had the most beautiful conversations as she welcomed me into her home. I am so glad I was there that day, walking down the street. Catching up with her is such a heart-warming memory I hold very dear. I of course didn't leave empty handed, she gave me 2 bags of her “nuts & bolts” as well as a beautiful crocheted flower piece that her granddaughter made. She was so proud to have them and told me to take one. It now sits on my desk at school, and she is now not just part of my core memory of my elementary days, but she is now part of my teaching days. That flower piece gets many comments and I get to tell the story of my visit with a beautiful lady. My condolences to her family and friends. She will be missed.

Marit (Lee) Newhook - January 12 at 07:51 PM

RB

“ I have the fondest memories of her when I attended AA Wright. She was so kind. My condolences to her family.

Rebecca Bishop - January 12 at 03:39 PM

BS

“ Just had a nice chat with June the end of Nov to talk about her family and her Granddaughter & husband who lived across the road from us. Her and I would go and visit Norma J who was our neighbor and a very dear friend to her. We took Norma out for lunch and had some good memories of A.A Wright. I will miss running into her for our chats. Condolences to her family.



Brenda Stokes - January 10 at 09:44 PM

EC

Our condolences to June's family. We enjoyed Don & June's company for many years in Florida. They are now together again.

elsie cleghorn - January 12 at 09:03 AM

DK

“ Most sincere condolences to Lori, Brian and all of the family. Mrs. Hoorelbeck was the secretary at A. A. Wright school when our oldest son started school. We were out of the area but were hoping to move to VLA. This wonderful lady had a bright smile, welcomed me into the office and assisted me with such kindness. I never forgot that first interaction with her. We moved and shared the love of the school, the neighbourhood and her friendship. I hope that all of these wonderful stories help you in the days and weeks ahead. Thoughts and Prayers. Sincerely,



Denise, Jan, Curtis and Kevin Kellett

Denise Kellett - January 10 at 07:34 PM

ES

“ *I'm so saddened to hear this news. She made fudge so good that I will remember it forever. She had a quick smile and was so kind to everyone. We were incredibly lucky to have her as a neighbor and I will always be grateful that she could be there to help my mom in her last years. I am sending you all love and strength.*



Emily Schultz - January 10 at 06:22 PM

LB

“ *Our condolences to Junes family and friends*



Lance Babcock - January 10 at 05:20 PM

BO

“ *Beth Ortibus lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck*



Beth Ortibus - January 10 at 08:33 AM

JT

“ *Dear Allen, Suzanne, Lori and families, Our deepest condolences to you all. Rest in peace June.*



Jack and Kim Thomaes - January 10 at 04:22 AM

KC

“ So sorry for your loss. June was a special person. Always had a listening ear and gave the best advice. Always so upbeat and always had a beautiful smile.



Karen Corr - January 09 at 02:01 PM

WN

“ Our sincere sympathies to Lori, Brian and the rest of her family. A very pleasant lady that will be missed by many.



Wayne & Nancy Negrave - January 09 at 01:36 PM

SG

“ Sincere sympathy to the family
Susan Granger



Susan Granger - January 09 at 01:13 PM

DB

“ I remember in my high school years babysitting for June and Don. I couldn't wait to see what goodies she had made that day and she would always say to me:” Eat as much as you want!”. What a great cook she was! Both her and Don were such wonderful people to have as neighbours. So kind, always smiling and generous.
Deb Browning



Debbie Browning - January 09 at 12:35 PM

BI

“ Sorry to hear of June's passing-I'm sure she's having a good game of cards with ; Don and the Martine's u[p above-hugs to the family



Betty & Bill Innis - January 09 at 11:56 AM

DC

“ June will be so missed on Phair Ave! Our youngest son Mark went to AAWright when she was still the secretary there. She was a very special person! I will miss all of our interesting discussions!
Dianne & Fred Chapple

Dianne Chapple - January 09 at 11:08 AM

GP

“ Gary W Peck lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck



Gary W Peck - January 09 at 10:24 AM

MS

“ *Our condolences to the family and friends.
Marks Pool Service
We will miss her and her treats. Rest in peace June*

Mark Smith - January 09 at 08:17 AM

WT

“ *My condolences to Allen and the family.*

William Thorner - January 08 at 11:13 PM

DR

“ *Mrs Hoorelbeck was truly a Beautiful soul! I remember her fondly as a former AA Wright student. Always kind and gentle! Best Hire that school ever made! Loved by all!! My sincere condolences to her family!*

Debb Rogers - January 08 at 10:26 PM

DR

“ *Debb Rogers lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck*



Debb Rogers - January 08 at 10:16 PM

HK

“ *So sorry to hear of June's passing. My father Robert Paxton, loved working with June during his years teaching and as a VP at A.A. Wright, and we enjoyed knowing June, Don and their family over the years. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Heather Kardas - January 08 at 09:00 PM

JE

“ I am so sorry to hear of June’s passing. My condolences to the family. I have been helping June with her pool for years and when I was done she had a bag of her baking and famous nuts and bolts ready for me to take home. I will miss her stories of her days at AA Wright. Rest in peace June.



Jaynie Ezewski - January 08 at 08:47 PM

TH

“ Taryn Havens lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck



Taryn Havens - January 08 at 08:17 PM

TH

“ June was such a lovely person. She mentored me when I started out as a school secretary. Always so kind and thoughtful! My condolences to the family for the days and months ahead!!

Taryn Havens - January 08 at 08:16 PM

MG

“ Well June, we will miss you 'Neighbour' . Our children and grandchildren attended A A Wright and it was wonderful that I could call or drop in at the school when kids needed and June always knew where to find them. They also remember the halloween treats. Condolences to the family.

David and Michele Garraway

Michele Garraway - January 08 at 06:54 PM

TF

“ *Sincerest condolences to all from the Freeburn Family*



Theresa Freeburn - January 08 at 06:37 PM

UN

“ *So sorry to hear about June's passing. Sincere condolences to Allen, Suzanne and Lori and all of June's family and friends. She was indeed a lovely lady.*



Uta Nowakowski - January 08 at 02:21 PM

GM

“ *George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck*



George McGaffey - January 08 at 01:50 PM

BT

“ *Caring thoughts are with you all at this sad time. Hold on to the many precious memories of your beautiful, kind & caring Mom. Sending heartfelt sympathy.*



Betty Tack - January 08 at 01:30 PM

DL

“ Our sincere condolences to June's family.
May your precious memories bring you
comfort.
Thoughts & Prayers are with you at this sad
time.
With Sympathy,
Don & Lucille Laprise



Don & Lucille Laprise - January 08 at 12:08 PM

DH

“ June was "Grandma June" to our school community. You could
always depend on a listening ear and a common sense answer. If
she could be of assistance she would help willingly with a smile.
Over the years, "Grandma June" shared her baking and jam with
Don and I. Rest in peace with your beloved Don.

Don and Audrey Hind - January 08 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ Mrs. Hoorelbeck was a stand out memory for me growing up at A.A.
Wright. She was kind and felt like a mama too many of us. My
condolences to her family and friends and all who's lives were
touched by this amazing woman.

Dee Chatel - January 08 at 11:59 AM

JW

“ June was the colleague you could always count on for the best
advice, the most help and an honest opinion. Reliable and kind, she
made A.A.Wright school a great place to work. June's friendship
and sense of humour will never be forgotten. With deepest
condolences to her family-- Jim and Yvonne Walden

Jim Walden - January 08 at 11:52 AM

LG

“ My most favourite secretary of all time during my childhood at AA Wright. My condolences ❤️

Laurie Goetz - January 08 at 10:53 AM

AK

“ Mrs. Hoorelbeck was at A.A. Wright when I attended. She was one of those people you would never forget since she made us all feel like we were her own children. She always had a smile and a big heart. She treated all the children the same and always made you feel special. I seen her many times in my adult years and she would always stop to talk. One thing I always thought of on Halloween even in my later years was when i'd go there as a child and she would always have her Amazing homemade fudge to give to those she knew. Rest In Peace June~ Sending our condolences to the family. Alley and Jeff Knight



allison knight - January 08 at 10:26 AM

TE

“ We are sorry to hear of June's passing and extend our most sincere condolences to all of her family and friends. May she rest in Peace.

Tim and Lisa English - January 08 at 10:25 AM



“ *Mrs. Hoorelbeck was like a second mom to me at A.A. Wright. As kids living in VLA, we had the pleasure of connecting with the generation before us in a way that I do not believe a young person can do in the same way today...you just had to be there to know.*



Both she and Don were such kind people, and she, in particular, is a huge part of my most cherished memories at school.

Thank you, June, for making a difference in my life, and rest in peace.

My deepest condolences to the Hoorelbeck family.

Michael

Mike Primeau - January 08 at 09:01 AM

PK

June was the bright light every day for all the students at AA Wright , Don and her use to enjoy Florida winters as did my parents , if u seen June in a grocery store you'd have to stay close to the edge of the isle as you would chat it up for quite some time , sorry for ur loss n deepest condolences to her family

Paul Kirktown - January 08 at 04:48 PM

BR

“ *So sorry for your loss June was a very special lady!!*

Brenda - January 08 at 08:57 AM

MI

“ I am 57 and still remember this beautiful lady as our secretary at AA WRIGHT. She was very sincere and loved the kids. She left a lasting impression on many hearts including mine. My deepest condolences to the family



Michelle - January 08 at 08:56 AM



“ Jeannette Harris-Mclaughlin lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck



Jeannette Harris-Mclaughlin - January 08 at 08:35 AM



George McGaffey

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George McGaffey - January 08 at 08:20 AM

D(

“ I have many good memories of our family get togethers swimming in your pool and delicious barbeques in your back yard. I will miss Aunt June's Christmas baking especially the peanut butter bars and her famous nuts and bolts. My deepest sympathy to your families in your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Doreen Woods (Hoorelbeck) - January 08 at 07:42 AM

BJ

“ I remember June as the secretary at A. A. Wright school where our children attended. She was a very nice person. Condolences to her family.



Brenda de Jong - January 07 at 09:25 PM

BS

“ Brenda Schultz lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck



Brenda Schultz - January 07 at 06:55 PM

BS

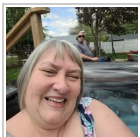
“ Sending our condolences to the Hoorelbeck family on the loss of your dear mum. Your parents were wonderful neighbours, and we especially appreciated the way June looked out for our mom over her last years. She was there with laughs and hugs and yes, those delicious nuts and bolts, the same caretaker she had been for so many years at AA Wright while we were growing up. We will always think of her with a smile. Erik and Brenda Schultz

Brenda Schultz - January 07 at 06:55 PM

LW

“ June was a wonderful and compassionate woman and was so great with the kids. She had a real motherly way of dealing with them
A great receptionist with the adults and greeted every one with her big smile
Our children loved her and even years later she knew you and greeted you whether at the grocery store or restaurant. Her big friendly smile and huge kindness
It was a treat to know her. GLW

Lynne Workman - January 07 at 06:19 PM



“ Colleen Meyer lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck



Colleen Meyer - January 07 at 06:10 PM

LR

“ Linda Richardson lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck



Linda Richardson - January 07 at 06:03 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of June Hoorelbeck*



Gerry Flynn - January 07 at 05:43 PM

NA

“ *So very sorry for your loss*



Norma Authier - January 07 at 04:14 PM

JP

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Grandma June's family.*

*Sincerely
Jenny and Brad Payson*

Jenny Payson - January 07 at 03:44 PM

DK

Many good times we had together

Donna Kirktown - January 07 at 09:10 PM

ER

June was sunshine. Always bubbly and kind. She helped me sell flowers for Multiple Sclerosis a few times, many years ago. Later she taught me a needlework craft to make a beautiful chair blanket. Just a few months ago, I happened to drive by her house, when she was outside enjoying her flowers along the driveway, so i turned around and she invited me to chat with her in the backyard for at least an hour. I had hoped to visit her again soon, but she slipped away too suddenly! Our condolences to all her family members. She enjoyed her house and mentioned how good her children were and how lucky she was to have Lori and Brian who were very attentive and and closeby. She spoke also of her kind neighbours who took care of some yard work. Her love for Don came up a few times as she reminisced. May they both now rest in peace and together again..

Ed & Odra Riedl - January 09 at 01:08 PM