



## June R. (Irey) Guild

September 12, 1931 - April 23, 2026

June Rebecca Irey Guild passed away on April 23, 2026, in Hadley, MA with her children by her side. She was born on September 12, 1931, in New Brunswick, New Jersey to parents Kenneth Monroe Irey and Katherine Willard Burgett Irey.

June lived most of her life in Western Massachusetts. She grew up in Springfield and attended Classical High School where she met and later married Lawrence Curtis Guild. They moved to Longmeadow to raise their six children and restore an old colonial home on Longmeadow Street. June completed her BA in education at UMass Amherst in 1972.

In 1989 June bought a blueberry farm in Heath and moved to a beautiful hilltop home to try farming. After 10 years in Heath, she moved to Amherst to begin her retirement. During her time in Amherst, she was an enthusiastic student at Learning in Retirement, a docent at Historic Deerfield and an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst.

Over the years June worked as an accountant, bookkeeper, office manager and town clerk. She was very capable with advanced numerical, compositional and organizational skills. She was an avid gardener and family genealogist. She was proud to be a Mayflower descendant. She donated many primary documents from the Burgett and Irey family history to the University of Massachusetts archives in Amherst.

June was a wonderful and very busy mother of six children. We have very fond memories of our childhood filled with adventures and visits to historic

places, all with a calm and kind mom.

June spent her last decade in memory care where her cheerful and sweet demeanor was a joy for all. She will be missed by her family and all those she knew. Her beautiful smile and happy phrase, "Aren't you wonderful!", will continue to warm our hearts.

She is survived by her six children, Mitch Guild (Judi), Katherine Guild (Bob), Cynthia Guild (John), Larry Guild (Darcy), Laura Mellick (George) and Martha Guild, 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, 3 nieces, and her sister-in-law Marion Irey. She was predeceased by her parents, her devoted partner Joel Halpern and her younger brother, Richard Kenneth Irey.

June's family wish to thank those who cared for her over the years: Rockridge Gardens, Hadley Pointe, Hospice staff and Lisa Sansouci.

A gathering to remember June will be held at Wildwood Cemetery in Amherst on June 13, 2026, at 1:00pm. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME OF NORTHAMPTON has been entrusted with her care.

For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit [DrozdalFuneralHome.com](https://DrozdalFuneralHome.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in June's memory to Rockridge Retirement Community in Northampton, MA., towards the Music Programs/Music Therapy for The Gardens at <https://share.google/tWjH1bGBVwv7BbRrG>

# Cemetery Details

## Wildwood Cemetery

70 Strong Street  
Amherst, MA 01002

# Upcoming Events

## Burial

JUN 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I have such fond memories of June! Martha was one of my high school best friends and I had the privilege of hanging out at 663 during those years. I remember June making a “curry and rice” for dinner. (I’d never heard of such a thing at the time!). I remember her listening to NPR All Things Considered, and was very interested in discussing current events with us. I also remember that wood stove in the family room as a gathering place. I’d never known a family with a wood stove before. Now I eat curry regularly, listen to NPR while cooking and heat with wood. She was an important influence! And I think of her often with such fondness. She was kind and fair and allowed us to be the kids we were and didn’t ask us too many questions about where we were going and what we were going to do, hahaha. I wish the family lots of love as they navigate the loss of their wonderful mother. And wishing June’s spirit to be at peace. I hope there’s NPR, lots of curry and a wood stove in her heaven!!

Aimee Creelman - April 28 at 11:28 PM



“ June will always be remembered as a truly special part of our community at Rockridge Retirement. She had a warmth about her that made everyone feel welcome, and her kindness touched both residents and staff alike. June’s smile had a way of lighting up the entire room, bringing comfort and joy to those around her. 💕

Giselle Rosa - April 28 at 04:32 PM

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“ i met june at the rockridge gardens. i loved seeing her every day! she always had a smile and a nice thing to say. she will be greatly missed by all who were touched by her joy. my condolences to her family

daphne phelps phelps - April 28 at 12:41 PM



“ I remember when I first became a cna and worked at Rockridge in the gardens. June was my first resident. Instantly fell in love with her cheery disposition. An her hellos. She was always such a delight. Whether it was sitting with her in her room to watch little house on the prairie, or a nature documentary. To even chatting about blueberry picking and gardening. June always put a smile on our faces. She truly was one of the kindest and sweetest souls. You could never not have a smile when you where in June's precense. Truly a beautiful and kind person. June bug you truly blessed the hearts of many and will sincerely be missed. My deepest condolences to her family.

-Erin Samson

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**Erin Samson** - April 28 at 07:48 AM