



## June Clarice Sutton

June 17, 1934 - April 30, 2020

Books were her life. Everyone assumed that June Clarice Noble, a librarian who'd retired after 30-plus years with Detroit Public Schools, knew it all.

"People always think I have all the answers because I'm a librarian," she'd say often. "Librarians know how to look things up."

The eldest of three children, June was born, of course, in June to Oscar David Noble and Lila Mae Noble in Flint, Mich., on the 17th in 1934.

June was educated in the Detroit Public School System, attending Doty Elementary, Hutchinson Middle and Cass Technical High School before graduating a year early from Central High School (Class of '51).

She continued her education at Highland Park Junior College (Highland Park Community College). Approximately two years later enrolled at Wayne State University where she received an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education. She also received her Master's degree in Elementary Education and another Master's degree in Library Science

It was during this time in 1957 that she met Edward Sutton, from Wilmington, N.C., and two years later they were married. Ten years later they welcomed their only son, Mark.

June worked for the Detroit Public School System for more than 30 years. Beginning at Ferry Elementary School, she became active with the Detroit Federation of Teachers to help the union secure better working conditions and wages. June moved on to Herman Elementary, where her impact even outside of the classroom was so significant that she developed a bond with a student who became a lifelong family friend. June also worked at Cooley High School for most of the '80s and '90s.

When June was initiated in the Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in 1984, she used her platform to serve Detroit's homeless.

She went back to her first love after retiring from the Detroit Public School system, helping to restore a public library in Royal Oak Township.

A passion for cooking never wavered, either. Though June had a vast cookbook collection this was the one time she didn't need to read much. When she chose to she could make meals from scratch and was proud of it.

An active member of Presentation Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, June was involved in various parish committees, finding her greatest joy in its annual back-to-school program.

A soft-spoken soul, June knew when to assert herself without being the loudest voice in the room. Her delivery could be as efficient as her dry wit.

She didn't just find answers. She asked the right questions. She listened.

June loved to travel with family and friends, indulging in a great appreciation for the arts and her family's history. Genealogy piqued her interest late in life as June, forever in search of finding those elusive answers, purchased

numerous books and magazines to help build her family tree.

Her health declined. She wasn't able to see it to completion.

June was preceded in death by her parents, sister Elaine and nephew Gregory.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband Edward, son Mark, granddaughter Kathleen, brother David (Yvette) her nephew, David Jr., niece Deborah (Gregory), nieces Patrica (Kyle) Cynthia (Phillip), nephew Michael (Tarita). June also leaves a host of grand nieces and nephews, cousins and a multitude of friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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## Funeral Service

MAY 15. 9:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of June Clarice Sutton*



**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 15, 2020 at 09:11 AM



*Kemp Funeral Home , what an excellence streaming, I thought that I was sitting in the front row. I know June Sutton is smiling down from Heaven.*

**Shirletha Binion** - May 15, 2020 at 10:12 AM



*May she Rest in Heavenly Peace.*

**Shirletha Binion** - May 15, 2020 at 10:14 AM

PD

*June had an angelic presence. I enjoyed having her as a friend. She was thoughtful, kind and had a most beautiful smile. She and I had many things in common including our birth month! She will be missed.*

**Paralee Day** - May 15, 2020 at 10:39 AM

OB

*June was an amazing woman. My son, Vernon Jr. and I send our condolences to the Sutton family,*

**ORA BEARD** - May 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM

CF

*I will always love and miss you dearly ❤️*

**Carnell Feagin** - May 18, 2020 at 05:21 PM

PB

*As a child June and my mom Sharon Brown worked at Herman Elementary together they had one more friend Maria Smith .. \*\* She was always a sweet lady .. Always called her Auntie*

**PAM BROWN** - July 05, 2021 at 08:54 AM



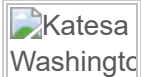
“ June Clarice Sutton

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ June Clarice Sutton

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *I took care of June Sutton the last days before her passing. Such a sweet soul, she will be missed. Still looking after Mr. Sutton.*



**Katesa Washington** - May 21, 2020 at 01:43 AM

CD

“ *June had a pleasing smile that portrayed her inner beauty. I was fortunate to enjoy her close friendship for almost seventy years. I will cherish the memories. She is resting in Heaven now. Thanks be to God.*

*Carol Duncan*

**Carol Duncan** - May 19, 2020 at 10:04 AM

GD

“ June was a wonderful person. Always willing to help in the Cooley High School library. Always the lady of the house she was a treasure for many years helping students and staff at Cooley. She was missed when she retired and will be missed again by many friends and family. It was my pleasure to know her. Glenn W. Datson

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**Glenn W Datson** - May 16, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RC

“ Mrs.Sutton was a warm, comforting soul,and the perfect match for Edward.I will truly miss her,and her homemade zucchini bread,which was straight from the Sutton's annual garden.May she rest in peace! 🙏🙏🙏

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**Reggie Carter** - May 15, 2020 at 10:37 AM

JM

“ Sending my condolences to Soror June Sutton and her family. Your smile will be missed.

*From one June to another,*

*Soror June Johnson Mitcham*

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**June Mitcham** - May 15, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 14, 2020 at 06:46 PM

SS

“ I knew June and her husband through my affiliation with Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church. I didn't get to meet her up close but she was a part of our church family. I'm a history buff myself having grown up in Royal Oak Township part of my life. I did work on bringing the library up to better standards as an Oak Park School Board Trustee. I was there for the dedication and historic plaque awarded to George Washington Carver Elementary School.

*June Sutton, the suffering is over and may you rest in peace.*

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**Shirley Slaughter** - May 14, 2020 at 04:20 PM

EJ

“ It is so difficult to say farewell, especially when it is someone you love so deeply. Knowing Aunt June all my life was such a blessing. Her beautiful smile and easy going manner always put people at ease. She never had to be the center of attention, but her sly sense of humor brought life to the party.

*With her impeccable fashion sense and manicured nails, Aunt June epitomized the image of a poised beautiful Black professional woman in Detroit. I was inspired by her love of books as well her multiple projects in the school library where she worked. She made me proud to be a librarian.*

*She and Uncle Ed were a perfect match despite their yin yang personalities. Their jokes and quick banter kept our family gatherings lively and filled with boisterous laughter. We shared so many good times. I particularly loved when she and Mommie would get into debates about Victor Mature and his acting skills.*

*I'm sending all my love and deepest condolences to Uncle Ed, Mark, Kathleen, David, Pat and the rest of her family and promise to do my best to uphold her gracious, gentle legacy. It fills my heart with joy of know that she is at peace with the Lord.*

*Love always, beth*

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**Elizabeth James** - May 14, 2020 at 04:04 PM



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - May 14, 2020 at 04:02 PM

JJ

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Aunt June. She was one of the most gracious and wittiest women that I was blessed to know. I will always cherish the honor that she was my godmother. I will always remember her generosity, sharing interesting stories and her beautiful smile. She was a very special woman that I will truly miss. My prayers are with Uncle Ed, Mark, David, Pat and all of her family. For with her love I was so blessed. For all those many years. There is no pain, she suffers not. The fear now all is gone. In our memories, she live on. I will not dwell upon her death but celebrate her life. Love always,  
Jackie James



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**Jackie James** - May 14, 2020 at 01:32 PM

YF

“ Your Presentation Our Lady of Victory Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of June Clarice Sutton.



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**Your Presentation Our Lady of Victory Family** - May 14, 2020 at 12:59 PM

RC

“ Rita Carpenter purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of June Clarice Sutton.



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**Rita Carpenter** - May 14, 2020 at 12:10 PM

RC

“ *Very sorry to hear of June's passing your friend from Cooley, Presentation and Delta  
Rest in Peace in Heaven. Rita Carpenter  
V*

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**Rita Carpenter** - May 14, 2020 at 11:52 AM

RD

“ *Forgot to mention that although I never pledged, some of my family members and most of my friends in the Metro Detroit Mathis Connection, including the president were Deltas. This would make her smile.*



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**Ruth (Banks) Donaldson** - May 13, 2020 at 04:44 PM

RD

“ *So sorry to hear of June's passing. My condolences to her family and friends. Will always remember her from Presentation Our Lady of Victory as the quiet lady with the infectious smile and beautiful hair. Wish we would have had more time to talk - we had so much in common. I loved the search for genealogy; my sister had Masters in Library Science from Wayne State; my brother(RIP) lived in Royal Oak Township; his daughter and family still there; Books were also my life as far back as I can remember. Thank you for the quiet joy you brought to so many others. Rest in peace.*

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**Ruth (Banks) Donaldson** - May 13, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of June Clarice Sutton.*



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May 13, 2020 at 01:03 PM