



June E. James

August 6, 1921 - March 12, 2008

JUNE EDITH PIKE JAMES

June Edith Pike was called to be with her Lord and Savior on March 12, 2008 in San Antonio. June was a devoted wife, caring and loving mother, creative school teacher, and God's faithful servant. She was a living reminder and testament of God's love for each of us as she shared His love for us in her teaching, her smiles, and stories. She was born in El Paso, Texas on August 6, 1921 to James Edward Pike and Edith Violet Ohlsen Pike. Her family moved to San Antonio's Los Angeles Heights where she attended Ben Franklin Elementary School and graduated from "old" Thomas Edison High School. She received a music scholarship to play trombone in Incarnate Word College's orchestra and graduated there with a teaching certificate and degree in chemistry. Her first teaching job was in Somerset, Texas teaching 4th grade. Here also she met the love of her life, her husband of 65 years, Jesse Columbus James. They were married August 8, 1942 in Jourdanton, Texas. While Jesse was in the US Navy in World War, June learned fly airplanes and worked at Kelly Field as an aircraft engine inspector. For a short while she was principal and a teacher at Sayers School. With the birth of their first child June and Jesse's moved to their first home in the small rock homestead on the Voelker Ranch. Five years later they moved to Castle Hills where their three children were raised. In Leon Springs they built their dream home and entertained hosts of family and friends. June returned to teaching by 1958

taught at Huppertz Elementary School, Longfellow Junior High, and MacArthur High School. She retired to travel with Jesse, kids, and cousins to Alaska, Soviet Union, Turkey, Egypt, and the Holy Land. She recorded dozens of stories that Jesse would tell to family and friends and had them bound in "Dad's Stories." She was encouraged to record her own special stories including life in the classroom with problems kids and making science magical to the children she loved to teach. June also played a role in the life of San Antonio area Presbyterian churches including Los Angeles Heights Presbyterian; Covenant Presbyterian Church, where she was a charter member; and Leon Springs Presbyterian Church, where she served in the choir as well as Elder, and Clerk of Session. She also served as a representative to Mission Presbytery, Synod of the Sun, and Women of the Church. In the last few years she has been in the faithful and loving care of Ed and Alice Esquivel, members of their family, and Marie Clements. She is preceded in death by her brother James Pike, her beloved granddaughter, Jessica Marie James Tannenbaum Mrs. Sam Tannenbaum. She is survived by her husband Jesse Columbus James, daughter Peggy Ann and Robert Edward Weyel, Jr.; son Michael Edward and wife Karen Ann Cardenas James; Timothy Allen James; her precious grandson John Michael James; and her sister Helen Lee Pike Walker. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews including: Lee Irene Walker Cowley and husband Warren of Austin, James Pike Walker and wife Vanna Kay of McQueeney, Texas, Bobby Walker and wife Patricia Lynn, John Paul Walker and wife Karen Sue, and Mark Edward Walker of San Antonio; Robert David James and wife Lou Ellen "Sam" and Kenneth Daylon James and wife Amanda Jo of Houston; Patricia Carol Wilhelm Peters of Goldthwaite, Texas, Joseph Calvin Wilhelm, of Somerset, Texas, and numerous other great nieces, nephews and cousins and friends who will miss her.

Pallbearers are John Michael James, Sam Tannenbaum, Kenneth Daylon James, Robert David James, Warren Cowley, James Pike Walker, Bobby Walker, John Paul Walker, and Mark Edward Walker.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin on Saturday-March 15, 2008 at 2:00PM, with funeral services to begin at 3:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, with Reverend Wayne Urbanowski officiating. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park North. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Our Deepest Sympathy. Love ya'll*

Roxanne and Gary Wilson - December 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *June lit up the life of a struggling new science teacher at Longfellow Junior High School in 1960. Thus began a lifetime friendship spanning almost 50 years.*

God Bless to all her family.

Ed Gaida

Ed Gaida - March 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Mike & Karen James: She is resting in the arms of the Lord. Although she is not here in body, she is always here in spirit. Her memory will live through you. Weep not for her death, but rejoice in her life with our Lord, Jesus Christ. My deepest sympa*

Darlene Allen - March 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM