



June Marie (Deger) Shea

June 15, 1944 - June 12, 2024

Pawleys Island.....

June Marie (Deger) Shea passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on June 12, 2024. As an active cancer survivor advocate, she chose to live her life full of hope and humor for more than a decade with cancer.

Born on June 15, 1944, in Staten Island, New York, June was the daughter of Margaret Mary Fleming and Eric Deger. Staten Island was the backdrop of some of her earliest life memories, from roller skating the slate sidewalks of Port Richmond, to the Eltingville basement dance party where she met the love of her life, to raising her children in the then-rural town of Annadale.

June dreamed big, organized life down to the smallest detail, and always aimed to leave things better than she found them. Whether she was chaperoning her kids' class field trips, empowering women in childbirth as a labor & delivery nurse or training first responders on how to save stroke victims – her attentiveness, patience and compassion guaranteed success. While her teenage dreams of a fashion career did not come to fruition, she crafted a life, home and community that was beautiful enough to grace the pages of Vogue. June's legendary kindness never extended to those who wear pajama pants in airports, so in her honor please do your best to dress nicely for your next flight.

No matter where life's journey took her, June embraced joys and grew her circle of family and friends, including in Staten Island, Saratoga, Schenectady, Pawley's Island and Cooperstown. She tirelessly worked to raise awareness

of women's health causes, feeding those in need, stroke prevention, and breast cancer. This past February, WPDE-TV the South Carolina ABC News affiliate recognized June with the Jefferson Award for embodying the qualities of a community leader that inspires action.

Her love of her grandchildren was on full display when she spent months shopping for the perfect annual Christmas ornament to celebrate their uniqueness characteristics and achievements. Whether she was drinking the perfect cup of Earl Grey tea with her son's honey or traveling on a riverboat down the Rhine with her husband and friends at her side, she loved life and it was contagious.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Bill Shea; son, Thomas Shea (Michelle), and daughter, Jill Shea-Feury; grandchildren William Shea, Gabriella Shea, Charlotte Feury, Theo Feury and Timo Feury; sister, Ruth Olsen; brother, Eric Deger (Celeste); and nephew, Jason Deger.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday June 27, 2024, at Precious Blood Of Christ Catholic Church. There will be a reception following the Church Service, at 1:00 PM at The Clubhouse of Camden Creek at Allston Plantation, 81 Hartley Place, Pawleys Island SC 29585.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the cancer survivor organization that brought June great comfort and camaraderie, Dragon Boat at the Beach, PO Box 230, Pawleys Island, SC 29585, www.dragonboatatthebeach.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall



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