

Sister June Morrissey, SC Entered eternal life on May 2, 2024

"I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason; Bringing something we must learn . . . we know who we are today because of you."

These words from the play *Wicked* certainly reflect the deep impact June had on so many lives. So many of us are in this Chapel today. As a Sister of Charity and a dedicated Catholic School Principal she embodied compassion, kindness and an unwavering faith in everyone she met and loved.

Billy, Joey, Kevin and Ashley, Aunt June was crazy about you. She talked about you and your families all the time. She was so proud of you. I'm not sure that she understood or knew that your dad passed away a short time ago, but if I was a betting nun, I'd bet that about now June, your dad and your grandfather are trying to figure out how to start a "heavenly" automotive business up above.

As the principal of two Catholic Schools, June was not just an educator, but a mentor, a guide and a friend to her students and colleagues alike. She nurtured minds and souls, instilling in the students the values of integrity, compassion, and service to others. Her dedication to education, combined with her deep-rooted faith, was truly inspiring to all of us who worked with her.

A little-known fact about Assumption School and St. Pius is that we were the only two schools in the Diocese who had no misbehaving children; students were rarely sent to the principal's office. You may think that's quite amazing, but it's true! The reason being of course is that any student sent to Sister June's office usually came back to class with a smile on their face and a pocketful of candy after a promise to never misbehave again. As teachers, we quickly learned to handle our own discipline issues.

It is said that "no one stands so tall as when they stoop to help a child." If that is the case June, then you must be the tallest person we know. For over fifty years, you have been stooping to help the thousands of students who have attended Assumption School, St. Pius School and when you were a teacher in Washington Township. The graduating classes of Assumption School had some beautiful sentiments for June as they prepared to move on.

"Your kind and understanding nature have always made us feel special. You take the time to listen and always know the right thing to say to make us feel important". Class of 1989.

"With Sister's understanding and gentle nature, she has helped us to solve many problems and make important decisions." Class of 1990

"Sister June has always been there for us in our times of need. We love you Sister June". Class of 1991 "She has been an inspiration to us in all aspects of our lives. We have been guided by her love and will miss her joyous spirit. We love you and will always hold a special place in our hearts for you." Class of 1992

"Sister June, you have been our guiding light, and we hope that future students realize that you are a special friend who gives us the strength and courage to believe in ourselves. We love you!" Class of 1993

As we mourn her passing, let us also celebrate the remarkable life she lived. June leaves behind a legacy of love, faith and service that will continue to inspire us for years to come.

"It may well be that we will never meet again in this lifetime, so let me say before we part, so much of us is made of what we learned from you; you'll be with us like a handprint on our hearts, because we knew you, we have been changed for good."

And please God may there be a Talbots or Bloomingdales in walking distance to heaven!

~ Sister Merris Larkin, SC