



Cecil "June" Richter

June 20, 1933 - December 4, 2025

June Richter, age 92, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2025, at Edenbrook Omro with her daughter by her side. A devoted mother, grandmother, and friend, June's life was defined by faith, compassion, and unwavering love for those around her.

June was born on June 20, 1933, to Leo and Ethella Killgore in Lodgepole, Nebraska. As a child, she loved school, playing with her younger sister, and doing chores with her dad. She married John Richter on June 30, 1948. As a young wife and mother, they lived and worked on the Richter family farm. In 1960, they moved to Bridgeport, Nebraska, with their two young daughters, Carol and Cathy, and Cheri on the way. It was there that she met Dr. Blackstone and his wife, Marion, and, as their friendship grew, she began working at their medical clinic. They were very influential in helping her realize that an education, a skill, was something to strive for. That became a goal in her life. A change in John's employment brought them to Berlin, Wisconsin, in 1967.

She graduated from Mercy School of Nursing in 1972 as a Registered Nurse and later earned an associate degree in Supervisory Management from Moraine Park Technical College. She dedicated her career to caring for others and retired from Community Health Network in 1996. Following her retirement, June served as associate director of the Berlin Senior Center from 1998 to

2004.

June loved and considered her sister-in-law, Trudy Knight, a best friend whom she admired and looked up to, and with whom she stayed in close contact over the years. A friend for over 70 years, Bonnie Sprengel, was also special, and she was thrilled when Bonnie moved from Nebraska to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. They had many wonderful times together.

She made many lifelong friends through church, community, and professional relationships over her nearly 60 years in Berlin - and she treasured them all. When she moved to Eastridge Drive, she became close friends with her neighbors, particularly Mary Borland, Jean Fehl, and Lorraine Brueggen. Eventually, she came to rely on them for everyday assistance. Without them, it would have been impossible for her to stay in her own home, which she adamantly wanted, and for which her daughters are eternally grateful. June enjoyed spending time with family and friends, entertaining at home, baking, sewing, quilting, scrapbooking, music, and bible study. She loved teddy bears and spent time refurbishing them to give to children who needed a hug. Her idea was that everyone, young or old, needed to have a teddy bear. Her "Honeybear" was with her to the end.

June's faith strengthened and sustained her throughout her life. She was a faithful member of St John Lutheran Church and served the Lord through LWML, St John Ladies Aid, Christian Women's Club, Friends in Council, and years of Friendship Bible study in her home.

June is survived by her daughters, Carol Cooley and Cheri Faust (David); grandchildren, Sam Cooley, Ben Cooley, Betsy Verbeten (Jake), Rene Gillhouse, Rachel Rivers, and Gary Stumpner; nine great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Trudy Knight, and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Richter; daughter, Cheryl (stillborn), daughter, Cathy Steinke; sister, Betty Meyer; brother, Fredrick Killgore; son-in-law, Ron Grahn; grandson, Paul Grahn; grandson-in-law, Keith Rivers; son-in-law, Mike Cooley; great-granddaughter, Sarah Cooley; and special friends, Bonnie Sprengel and Jake Jodarski.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to all of the staff at Edenbrook Omro and Heartland Hospice for their kind and compassionate attention while June was in their care.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church
168 Mound Street
Berlin, WI 54923
<http://www.stjohnberlin.org>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ June, was my mom's morning phone friend for years. She was the one that notified Mr Snow that there was an emergency. I would also consider her my sewing friend. The last time I saw her was for thanks giving.

Hope Celeste I. - January 20 at 11:15 PM

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“ United Blood Trackers purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Cecil "June" Richter.



United Blood Trackers - December 11, 2025 at 01:17 PM

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“ Celebrating Christmas, the Birth of Jesus with her Lord. A wonderful friend, and a honor to know her.
With Deepest Sympathy, The Family of Winnie Mattice



Lois Mattice - December 08, 2025 at 08:52 PM