



## Nellie "June" Sewell

November 27, 1928 - August 1, 2019

June Watson Sewell was born on November 27, 1928 in Ryal, Oklahoma to Beryl and Joe Bob Watson. She was the youngest of seven children. Her father owned a country store at Ryal and, because her mother ran the store, June was raised in the center of the small community.

She graduated as valedictorian from Graham High School in 1947 and attended East Central State College in Ada where she graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in education in 1950. While attending college, she met and married the love of her life, Raymond Sewell. They were married for 71 years.

June taught in Oklahoma's public schools and at Bacone College for 29 years. While she taught all grades from kindergarten to college, fourth grade students were always her favorites. She also taught English, Literature, Drama, Home Economics, and, after obtaining her Master's Degree, she taught Spanish. Her final teaching years were spent in Muskogee Public Schools, where she retired in 1987. Following retirement, she volunteered to teach English to students who spoke only Spanish for which she received the One Thousand Points of Light Award. June enjoyed teaching and often said that "the gleam in a student's eye when she or he has gained a concept has no price tag." Her greatest honors included being chosen Muskogee Education Association's Friend to Education and being named Very Important Member for the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association.

She was active in the Oklahoma Retired Educators Association, the Muskogee Shakespeare Club, the Oklahoma Federated Democratic Women's Association, and the Muskogee County Democratic Party. She was a member of the Muskogee Church of Christ.

June is survived by her husband, Raymond; daughters, Sheila Sewell of Oklahoma City and Lana Reed and son-in-law Don Reed of Muskogee; grandchildren, Rachael Gilliam, Lauren Ritchie, and Donna Bray of Muskogee, Aaron and Krissy Ritchie of Broken Arrow, Alix Golden, Kayla Sewell, Julie Sewell, and Lance Sewell of Oklahoma City; and great grandchildren, Jack Gilliam, Olivia Gilliam, and Zian Bray of Muskogee; nieces, nephews, and extended family. She is preceded in death by her son, Frank Sewell; and grandson, Todd Reed.

The family extends warm thanks to the staff of Broadway Manor for the care they showed to their wife and mother.

A celebration of June's life will be 1PM, Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Burris officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Visitation

AUG 6. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Family Visitation

AUG 6. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

## Visitation

AUG 7. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

## Service

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AUG 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nellie "June" Sewell*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *The Sewells were our neighbors when Frankie and Tom were about 5 years old. I have good memories of the time spent with the little boys running back and forth playing. June was always kind and gracious. My prayers for Raymond, Sheila, Lana and the rest of the family. Betty Decker*

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**Betty J Decker** - August 12, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nellie "June" Sewell.*

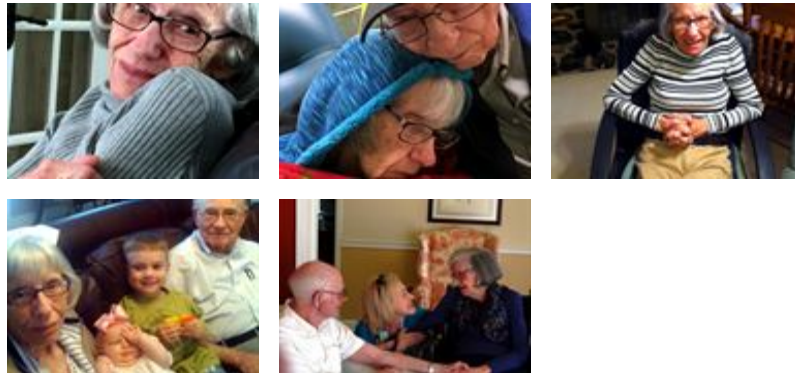


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August 06, 2019 at 04:49 PM



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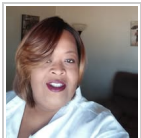
**Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory** - August 06, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of *Nellie "June" Sewell*.



August 06, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *Mrs. Sewell was my 4th grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary. She had the kindest heart & caring demeanor. The world needs more June Sewells to inspire our children. GOD BLESS her family as you celebrate her life.*

**Michelle Palmer** - August 06, 2019 at 02:11 AM

JC

“ I was privileged to have this "Wonderful Teacher" while attending Webster Grade School in the 60's. She and Dr. Raymond Sewell were our 5th & 6th grade teachers. Mrs. Sewell was so very kind and patient with us. I loved her dearly and tried not to cause her trouble. Dr. Sewell also served as our Principal and was also a fine teacher. They both were excellent teachers and role models. So sorry to hear of her passing. But I know she is in heaven today organizing those who have a need to learn! God Bless you all. What a wonderful person she was to us all!

James Cox - August 05, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nellie "June" Sewell.



August 05, 2019 at 12:09 PM

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“ Gary & Marsha Allmon purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Nellie "June" Sewell.



Gary & Marsha Allmon - August 05, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nellie "June" Sewell.*



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August 03, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ *Becky & Jimmy, Kathy & Mark, LouAnn & Donnie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Nellie "June" Sewell.*



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**Becky & Jimmy, Kathy & Mark, LouAnn & Donnie** - August 02, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nellie "June" Sewell.*



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August 02, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *There are some many memories. I was thinking of the time my mom was wanting a dog wood tree ,so they went down in the boon docks of ryal and got stuck. I don't know how we got out. What a full and awesome life she lived. We love you all and your in our prayers.  
Love Becky*

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**Becky Webster** - August 02, 2019 at 01:50 PM