

In Loving Memory of  
**June Plater Swanson Brown**



**Celebration of Life**  
August 17, 1931 - February 20, 2023



Holy Redeemer Catholic Church • 206 New York Ave.  
N. W. Washington D. C. 200001  
Viewing: 9:30am-10:30am  
Mass immediately following





# Order of Service

Blessing of the Body..... Rev. David Bava, Pastor & Celebrant

Prayer

Placing of Pall

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn #527

Order My Steps ..... Vanessa White Jackson

Reading, Wisdom 3:1-6 & 9 ..... New Testament

Old Testament

Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 25,

"To You O Lord I Lift My Soul..."

2nd Reading , 6:3-9)..... Cheryl Tilghman

(A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans)

New Testament

Gospel: Luke 29-49 ..... Rev. David Bava, Pastor & Celebrant

Offertory Song

Communion Song #760..... One Bread, One Body

Family Words ..... Karen Coutts (Kalibards)

..... Jethreo Lee

..... Karen Artis (Stepdaughter)

Sending Forth Hymn #637

Special Solo, I Really Love the Lord ..... Deacon Willis Daniels

Organist ..... Mrs. Denyce Daniels, Holy Redeemer Choir

# God Saw You Getting Tired

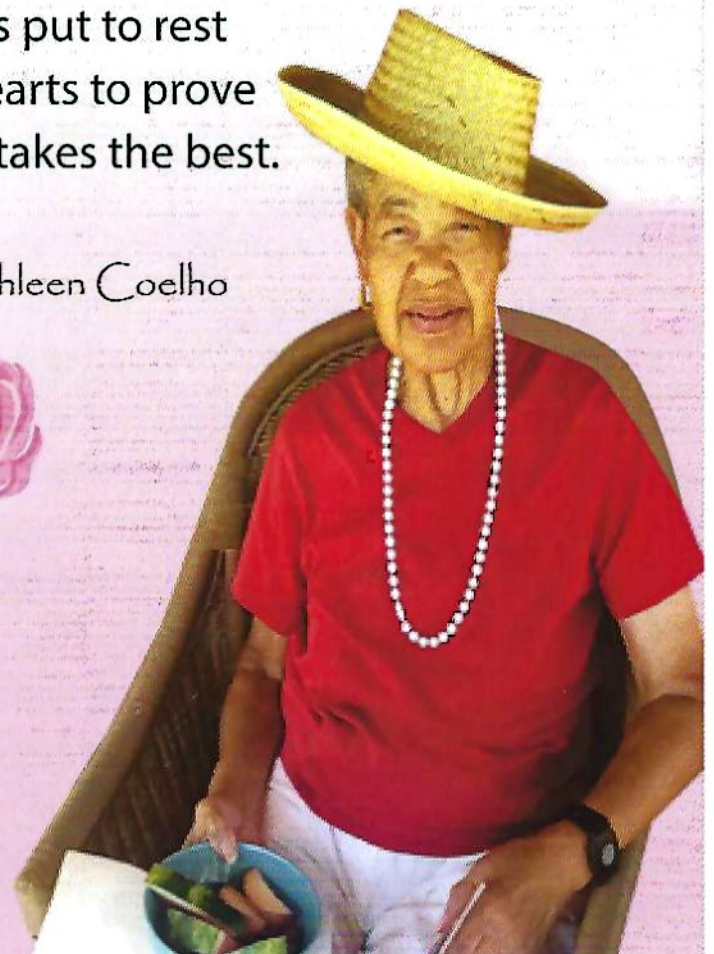
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God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We couldn't make you stay.

Your golden heart stopped beating  
Your tired hands put to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove  
to us that He only takes the best.

- Frances and Kathleen Coelho





# June Plater Swanson Brown,

91, a lifelong resident of Washington, DC, transitioned peacefully on February 20, 2023, after several months of battle with cancer.

June was born August 17, 1931, at Gallinger Hospital in Washington, D.C. to her mother, May Cecelia Plater, who passed when June was a young child. She and her brother Maurice Plater were taken in and raised by their grandfather, Joseph Plater (Poppa Joe), whom she adored.

Proceeding his death, they were raised by their Aunt Sis and Uncle William (Joe) Plater.

June attended Washington D.C. public schools and graduated from Armstrong High School. While at Armstrong, June participated in Junior R.O.T.C. and several social clubs. Soon after graduation, June began her Federal career at the National Security Agency (N.S.A.) in 1952. June enjoyed working at N.S.A. She is known for always being well-dressed, punctual, and having a perfect attendance record. As an Analyst, June offered her expertise to her colleagues. As a result, she developed many beautiful friendships maintained for over 35 years, well after her retirement in 1987.

June received the blessing of her life on November 8, 1960, when she welcomed the opportunity for motherhood as she raised her son Joseph Swanson Junior. She adored "Joey" and cared for him in a supportive and Christian manner, which led him to become a creative musician and technician. Unfortunately, Joey passed on April 22, 2018, leaving June heartbroken. Her faith, friends, and family supported her during this difficult loss in her life.



Holy Redeemer has been a sacred place for June since baptism 91 years ago. As fate would have it, June, and Deacon James E. Brown, were baptized as infants on the same date. As this was June's and James' first encounter, they would reconnect as husband and wife later in life. They enjoyed 22 years of bliss marriage while devoting their lives to serving the church. June proudly served in the Sodality and dedicated her time to supporting outreach programs senior community and supporting her husband through rigorous study to become a Deacon in the Catholic Church.

June's social life included traveling, bowling, and serving her community. June was surrounded by the love of her wonderful friends, who became her sisters, the Kalibards, where she was a charter member. June, along with this accomplished group of women, was very charitable, provided youth scholarships, participated in community outreach, and served the senior community.

June was solid and was a true soldier in the Army of the Lord. She was immovable and unwavering as she fought through the last months of her life. God truly blessed her with no pain and no need for medication during her peaceful transition to Heaven. We are grateful to God for her life. June was a delightful woman of God who made the world a better place for all who knew her to enjoy. She was compassionately cared for and loved by all.

June leaves to cherish in her memory three stepdaughters Dayna, Karen, and Wendy. Her loving cousins William Plater, Zenobia Lancaster, Raynel, Darrick and Pete Plater and her 5 cherished goddaughters Carmen, Cheryl Vernessa, Thomasina and Kathy.



# Other Notes from the Family

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June was a quiet, soft-spoken lady with strong religious beliefs that shaped her 91 years of life. She was a very conscious person with a strong determination in whatever she was involved in. She always met all her obligations and responsibilities in the same matter.

She dearly loved her social club, which she has been a member of for over 50 years. She always dressed immaculately. The Swanson Family has always had a special place in their hearts for June through the years, and she will be remembered as a very caring and loving person.

May she rest in Peace.

A tribute to our Aunt June, actually she was cousin June, because of her age difference, she was elevated to Auntie. Our sweet Aunt June was always loving and kind, a keeper of our family history. Her quiet demeanor was always sparked with a gentle joyfulness. For many years, she would send to each of the Detroit cousins Bernard Plater (deceased), Janice Walker, Doris Hayes, Pete Plater, and Mary Johnson a Christmas fruitcake; it was expected and enjoyed. The Detroit cousins deeply loved our Aunt June; she will truly be missed.

In place of flowers please send donations to the following:

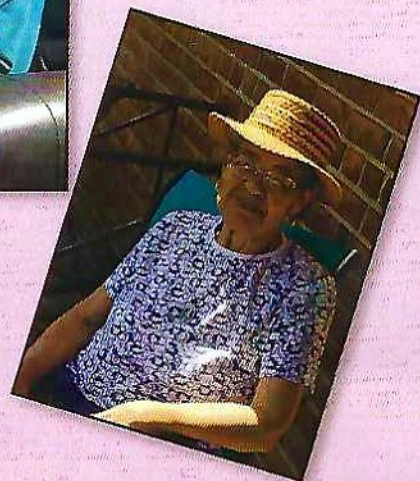
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# I've Lived A Blessed Life





# Special Acknowledgments

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To the caregivers from the hospice care unit of the Robinson Funeral Home Inc. 1313 6th Street, N.W. Washington, DC. 20001.

To Ms. Joy Jordan and Mr. Leonard Gardner, who were instrumental in providing daily care. Her devoted stepdaughter Karen Artis, who lovingly remained at her bedside daily ensuring a quality of life coupled with joy and laughter. Also to the valued members of Holy Redeemer, thank you for your continued support and pastoral care.

Special thanks to June's family, friends, and Goddaughters for supporting and loving her throughout her life.

## Pallbearers

Leonard Gardner  
Darrell Miller  
Adam Jackson  
Alan Jackson  
Claude Swanson Jr.  
Craig Swanson

## Internment

Mt Olivet Cemetery  
1300 Bladensburg Rd, NE • Washington, DC 20002