

In Memoriam - June C. Penney

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IN MEMORIAM

June Penney, beloved wife of Allen Penney and mother of Sarah Patterson, Toronto, and Kate Campbell, East Jeddore, died on Thursday, May 20, 2010 in Glades Lodge, a month short of her eightieth birthday. She had bravely dealt with Alzheimer disease for a number of years. The staff of Glades Lodge were magnificent in their care of her.

June, born in Fullham, England, was Head Girl of Wembley County High School, and President of the first Inter-School Christian Fellowship group. Trained as a radiographer at the Middlesex Hospital in London, England, she set up a two-year training program for x-ray technicians at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and also taught Anatomy at Northeastern University. She repeated this at the New England Medical Centre in Boston, and was a consultant in the Bingham Associates Fund to hospitals in the State of Maine. She and Allen married in 1962 in England. After the girls were born the family immigrated to Halifax in 1969. June began demonstrating in Anatomy in the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University and over time advanced to Full Professor in the Faculty of Medicine and Associate Professor in the Department of Anatomy. June will be best remembered for the work she did teaching Death and Dying and at the students' request served as their Faculty Advisor in the Medical School. June was happy to have sung in the Philharmonia Chorus under Otto Klemperer, to have taken possibly the first x-ray image of a sword swallower at work and to have two intelligent, effective and very different daughters, who have each married two wonderful men, Rob and Adam respectively.

She leaves a brother and a cousin and their families in England. Her deep faith kept her going, her sense of fun kept others laughing, and her great love for her students and neighbours made her a good advertisement as one of God's elect. Her struggles are over and she is at peace.

A memorial concert is being planned for the fall of this year.