



## Francille June Hunsaker

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Francille June Estes Hunsaker, 89, of Moses Lake, Washington, peacefully passed away on September 14, 2021.

Viewing will be 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at Kayser's Chapel of Memories in Moses Lake, Washington.

The family will be holding a private graveside service at a later time. Francille will be interred at Guarding Angels Cemetery in Moses Lake, Washington.

Francille was born on December 17, 1931, in Mesa, Arizona, to Paul and Beulah Estes. She was the oldest of six children and she became their surrogate mother, taking on most of the household duties at a young age because both of her parents worked.

Francille met Mark Hunsaker when she was 14 and he was 18 years old. They became high school sweethearts after attending a Sadie Hawkins dance and they were eventually married on June 4, 1948. Francille and Mark loved to do all kinds of dancing, and attended dance school where they learned jitterbug, swing, and waltz, among others.

Francille and Mark then welcomed six children into their family over the next several years. During the early part of their marriage, they lived in Mesa, Pine, and Strawberry, Arizona. In 1970 they followed Francille's brother to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where they settled and became very active in the community.

While in Coeur d'Alene, Francille was involved with Grubstake Productions, a non-profit arts organization, and was on the board of the Hayden Public Library. She also started an image consulting business with her daughters, as well as an early learning center of which she was the co-owner and director.

Education was very important to Francille and she was a favorite teacher to many students over the years. After raising her children, Francille returned to school and attended Eastern Washington State College, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Drama and Costume Design. Later, she moved to Mountain Grove, Missouri, where she attended Drury University in Springfield, Missouri, graduating with a Master's Degree in Elementary Education K-12 at the age of 64. Later, Francille taught special education and gifted education classes, always incorporating her love of drama and the arts into her teaching.

After retiring, she and Mark relocated to Moses Lake, Washington, where Francille came out of retirement to be an adjunct instructor in the teaching department at Big Bend Community College.

Francille had a strong testimony of her Savior and was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many different positions over the years, often as a teacher. She would spend hours preparing to teach and made her lessons extremely engaging, as was often commented by class members. Upon moving to Moses Lake, Francille and Mark were called as the directors of the local Family History Center, as well as workers in the Columbia River Temple.

Whether it be discovering ancestors' names to fill in her family tree, or feeling a sense of joy knowing another grandbaby would be born, family was undoubtedly the most important thing to Francille throughout her life. She considered her posterity to be the “jewels in her crown” and loved being surrounded by photos of her family, video-chatting with her family, or being visited by one of her many grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Francille is preceded in death by both of her parents, all five of her siblings, and her son-in-law, Bill Meredith.

She is survived by her children: Linda Pool (Gerald), Shari/Calliste Hawke, Pamela James-Sommer(Patricia), Teresa Palmer (Drex), Mark Richard Hunsaker (Frances), and LuAnn Townsend (Todd)

Grandchildren: Bill, Larry, Erin, Laci, A.J., Jamaica, Joshua, Sunshine, Graham, Shiy, Jace, Jasmine, Natalie, Dirk, Ivy, Jenna, Jantzen, Olivia, Avary, Malakai, Adrian, Tatiana, Caitlin, Dylan, Easton, Zoe, Jadyn, McKenna

Great-grandchildren: Hannah, Aiyanna, Kelly, Emma, Griffon, Harrison, Briar, Zadok, Trinity, Tobias, Elle, Soleil, Emelia, Scarlett W., Bennett, Andrew, Will, Auri, Blake, Payton, Ian, Abe, Gabe, Isaac, Carter, Byron, Meredith, Scarlett C., Pierce, Asher, Isabella, Carson, Declan, Eleanor, Gideon, Owen, Kinsley, Jonas, Lenyx, Maggie, Lydia, Vincent, Ridley, Dorian, Marshall, Eva, Daxton

The family of Francille wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the caregivers and staff at Avamere Assisted Living, Dr. Tolley, and the Samaritan Hospital staff.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Graveside Service

SEP **22.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Guarding Angels Cemetery  
2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ We were newly moved into our mobile home and I was about to give birth to our 4th baby. Francille showed up with a hot meal and that palpable energy that just drew you in! Made me know I was not alone and believe "I can do this!" It was so uplifting just to be near her!

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**Connie Godak** - December 11, 2021 at 10:58 PM

AS

“ As one of Mark and Francille's longtime caregivers, I have collected many memories. One of my favorites though, is when I would go in and she would be listening to her favorite music she would have the most joyful look on her face. Her and Mark would be holding hands and she would ask me if I had ever heard of that singer. She loved her music. I also loved how she wouldn't really get mad at too much, just kind of throw her hands up and say "well, I guess that's how it is"....I loved Francille so much and I will miss her greatly. Thank you to her family for sharing her with me

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**Angela Shay** - September 21, 2021 at 12:10 PM

WS

“ Wendy S. lit a candle in memory of Francille  
June Hunsaker



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**Wendy S.** - September 20, 2021 at 11:36 PM

BJ

“ Linda and I mourn the passing of Aunt Francille. She was a loving and caring lady with a wonderful, sweet spirit. When I was young my parents took me and my two brothers on annual vacations to Mesa. I am grateful to have so many fond memories of family get-togethers with Aunt Francille, Uncle Mark and my cousins. She will be missed by so many people.

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**Barry Hunsaker Jr.** - September 19, 2021 at 09:25 AM

DC

“ As one of hers and Mark's Home Teachers it was always pleasure to visit with them. I always came away feeling good. She always had smile and happy to see us. It was always a good feeling to be in their home.

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**Dee Cornelsen** - September 18, 2021 at 12:35 PM

CA

“ Aunt Francille, always had a smile on her face, made you feel loved and important. She lit up a room with excitement and enthusiasm. I will never forget her love.

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**cari Austin** - September 17, 2021 at 07:15 PM

DA

“ What a wonderful daughter of our Heavenly Father. I have many memories of Francille, a great teacher and sweet friend. Love , prayers and hugs to the whole family.  
Love, Mike and Donna Austin

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**Donna Austin** - September 17, 2021 at 06:57 PM

WS

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Wendy S. - September 17, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MS

“ Francille was everybody's friend , there were no strangers to her she would talk to anyone available . She radiated love in her countenance and most people felt her spirit and were attracted to her. She had many occasions of meeting people,whom she did not know, they immediately embraced with tears in they're eyes, like old lost friends.

Many years ago while we were visiting in Mexico, we were shopping among the booths of vendors they were lined along the street or alleyway and we were looking at all the good items that were handmade they were for sale. We came to a booth And a middle aged lady came rushing out embraced Francille they hugged and kissed and cried and held together for long . Never seen each other before.

That scene was repeated through her life, as recent as 4 weeks ago.

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Mark Hunsaker Sr - September 17, 2021 at 04:10 PM