



## Mrs. June Pachuta Farris

August 2, 1947 - July 27, 2018

June Pachuta Farris, age 70, of Chicago, passed away July 27, 2018. Loving wife of David A.M. Farris for 35 years; Beloved mother of Margaret Helen Farris; Devoted sister of Craig (Kathy) Pachuta; Preceded in death by her parents George and Helen Pachuta. Her colleagues worldwide will miss her sorely.

June earned a Bachelor's degree from Case Western Reserve University. The Ohio State University awarded her a Master's degree in Slavic Studies. Her professional education in Librarianship was at the University of Denver, where she received a second Master's degree. She began her distinguished career as a Slavic librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. For 25 years she continued her career at the University of Chicago, where she was Bibliographer for Slavic and East European Studies and General Linguistics. She was an active member of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. She produced important scholarly bibliographies on women in the Slavic world and for the International Dostoevsky Society. She spoke fluent French, Russian, Czech and conversant with most Slavic languages including Greek.

June began her service to the library in 1993. June was a dedicated librarian who built a superb collection of Slavic, East European and Eurasian resources at the Library, many of them found nowhere else in the world. She was always willing to share her expertise and was unassuming in her commitment to help scholars and students and to serve as a generous mentor to her Slavic librarian colleagues. June was known in her field for her quarterly and annual Current Bibliography on Women and Gender in Russia and Eastern Europe, produced since 1999. Collaborating with Irina Liveazanu, Christine Worobec, and Mary Zirin, June also produced an invaluable two-volume publication, *Women and Gender in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia: A Comprehensive Bibliography* (2007)

Visitation Monday, July 30, 2018 at Muzyka & Son Funeral Home, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with visitation and brief service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Service 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral, 1121 N Leavitt St,

Chicago, IL 60622. Interment Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to St. Paul the Redeemer Church Food Pantry, 4945 South Dorchester, Chicago IL 60615 would be greatly appreciated. For information please call 773-545-3800.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Graceland Cemetery

4001 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL,

**JUL** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Muzyka & Son Funeral Home

5776 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL, US, 60630

**JUL** **Visitation Service** 07:00PM

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Muzyka & Son Funeral Home

5776 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL, US, 60630

**JUL** **Service** 10:30AM

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Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral

1121 N. Leavitt St., Chicago, IL, US

# Comments

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“ I am so very sorry to learn of June’s passing. She was a wonderful friend & mentor at the Slavic Reference Service years ago. My deepest sympathies to you, David & Margaret & all of June’s family.

**Becky Atack** - August 06, 2018 at 09:28 PM

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“ I have very fond memories of drawing pictures of a Junebug and Jennybug with June. I still have many of the wonderful books she shared and encouraged me to read. June was a wonderful person and so fun and interesting to talk to. I’m honored to have her as my godmother.

**Janine Dobos Mawson** - August 02, 2018 at 09:27 PM



“ One of best sister in laws . Here husband was my brother . My love will always be there .

**John Farris** - August 04, 2018 at 06:51 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry to hear about the death of June. We have been working with her for so many years and we are devastated with the news. Our condolences to the Family from Lexicon, Maciej Wolinski from Poland.

**Anna Rodak** - August 01, 2018 at 06:59 AM

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“ This is overwhelmingly sad news. June was my office mate at the University of Chicago Library and it was truly joyful to spend time with her. My heart goes out to David and Margaret.

With deepest sympathies,  
Paul Belloni

**Paul Belloni** - July 31, 2018 at 07:16 PM

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“ June was one of the first people to welcome my daughter and I to SPR, and it meant a lot. I am so sorry for your loss. Persis Berlekamp

**Persis Berlekamp** - July 31, 2018 at 11:31 AM

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“ It is with such sorrow that I learned of June's passing. I can hear her infectious laugh even though I haven't seen her in years. The last time she was visiting her mother in Lorain, Ohio, but we go way back to dorm life at CWRU. A true academic, but that didn't stop her from reading her romance novels. Geni Vanek

**Geni Vanek** - July 31, 2018 at 10:12 AM

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“ University of Illinois Slavic Reference Service purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. June Pachuta Farris.



**University of Illinois Slavic Reference Service** - July 30, 2018 at 01:51 PM

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“ Dia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. June Pachuta Farris.



**Dia** - July 30, 2018 at 10:43 AM

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“ David,

I'm very sorry for your loss. I never met your wife, though Culinary Historians benefited from the many alerts to curated exhibits in the area.

Again, I am very sorry.

Regards,  
Catherine Lambrecht

**Catherine A. Lambrecht** - July 30, 2018 at 10:17 AM

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“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. June Pachuta Farris.



July 29, 2018 at 09:45 PM

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“ Association for Women in Slavic Studies purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mrs. June Pachuta Farris.



**Association for Women in Slavic Studies** - July 29, 2018 at 07:45 PM

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“ CRAIG & KATHY PACHUTA purchased the Glorious Memories Garland for the family of Mrs. June Pachuta Farris.



CRAIG & KATHY PACHUTA - July 29, 2018 at 02:54 PM

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“ I knew June throughout my entire professional career. When I was a graduate student struggling with my dissertation topic on women in medieval Russia, June inspired and helped me with her pathbreaking bibliographical research on women. Throughout the years she continued to aid many, many scholars like me. Her husband David was a friend of my sister Margaret Phillips and her husband Tim and her close colleague at the University of Chicago Library Sandra Levy was my one-time graduate school roommate, so I heard occasionally about June and her family. A fine, capable person, generous with her knowledge. I will miss her.

Eve Levin - July 29, 2018 at 10:12 AM

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“ In this world of virtual people, June was just herself; genuine; no pretenses. Her own person. A breath of fresh air.

June loved her work and took great pleasure in it, which gave her seemingly boundless energy. I asked her recently when she planned to retire, and she said she had a fair amount of work left to do on her Czech project and she fully intended to continue in her job at the UC library till she finished that. Despite some health challenges in recent years, she sounded her usual buoyant and indomitable self. We talked about getting together this summer for dinner, and I so looked forward to that chance to reconnect in person.

I will sorely miss her friendship, her irrepressible laugh, her ready empathy---the way she made me feel that even when it's raining outside, the sun is shining somewhere behind the clouds.

Becky Ritke

Becky Ritke - July 28, 2018 at 11:52 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. June Pachuta Farris.



July 28, 2018 at 08:32 PM