

JUNE JOHNSON YUNGBLUT
8-19-1925 to 9-26-1982

June Johnson Yungblut had lovely dark eyes and a ready laugh. Her sense of humor delighted and comforted everyone in her presence. She wrote beautiful poetry and did beautiful things for people. Her zest and enthusiasm revealed a love of life.

And she loved all of life - even the nearly-drowned duck which she spent an hour reviving. From childhood June rode horses and keenly understood animals. She could teach a child to befriend a shy cat and she could describe in detail the suffering of field mice when the winter snow cover is too light.

June was born in 1925 in Philippi, West Virginia and grew up in Rochester, New York. She belonged to a family descended from 17th Century Friends. After graduating from Keuka College, where she developed an enduring interest in creative movement, she earned a Master of Arts from Yale University. Continuing her education at Emory University Institute of Liberal Arts, she earned a doctorate degree combining theology and literature.

June married John Yungblut in 1960. Her marriage began an eventful career in Quaker activities. From 1960 until 1968 June assisted John with his work as director of Quaker House in Atlanta. During this time the Yungbluts worked extensively with Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. In 1968 they moved to Washington, D.C., where they became members of Friends Meeting of Washington and directed the International Student House. The Yungbluts spent 1972 to 1976 at Pendle Hill where June taught Creative Movement and Creative Writing. In 1977 the Yungbluts moved to Touchstone Farm near Lincoln, Virginia where June and John attended Meeting at Goose Creek Friends Meeting, conducted retreats and quiet days, and continued their counseling and their writing.

Throughout her life, June wrote poetry and published three volumes: *This the Child*, *Flowers into the Fire* and *Freighted Voyage*. A fourth volume, *The Entered Heart*, is forthcoming.

June was also an excellent cook - to the delight of all who knew her, and an experienced gardener - teaching even her husband, a previously confirmed city-dweller, how to work the earth.

June's many accomplishments and vibrant personality gave one the feeling that she was interested in all of life. Yet she paid most attention to the important things, a focus which made her shortened life rich and productive. After living bravely with cancer for seven years, June died on September 26, 1982.

We miss June but we know that her liveliness and energy are at work elsewhere and we wish her well.