

June E. Shurtz



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Services: Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Hutchens Funeral Homes, located at 675 Graham Road Florissant, MO 63031. An additional visitation will be on Thursday, May 19th, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. and services will start 11:00 a.m. at Lindsay Lane Baptist Church located at 920 Lindsay Lane Florissant, MO 63031. Burial will be on Monday, May 23rd, 2022 at 12:45 p.m. at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery located at 2900 Sheridan Road St. Louis, MO 63125.



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About the Student Press Law Center:

The Student Press Law Center (“SPLC”) is an independent, nonpartisan 501c(3) based in Washington, D.C. which works at the intersection of law, journalism and education to promote, support and defend the First Amendment rights of student journalists at the high school and college level. Founded in 1974, the Student Press Law Center has a legal hotline which serves thousands of student journalists and advisers across the United States. Thanks to a solid endowment, growing foundation support and generous individual donors, we also engage in training, advocacy and outreach to empower student journalists, promote the value of journalism education and spotlight the need to ensure legal protections for student press freedom through the New Voices movement.

About the New Voices Movement:

Due to the *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* Supreme Court decision in 1988, student journalists in public schools in 36 states can currently be censored by school administrators for nearly any reason “reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns.” This leads to censorship of important and well-reported stories which may make the school look bad (e.g., sexual misconduct by a teacher, health code violations in the cafeteria, financial mismanagement in the district) or which may deal with controversial topics which make school administrators uncomfortable (e.g., LGBTQ+ issues, teen pregnancy, drug or alcohol use). As a result, newspapers have been confiscated, papers have been defunded, and journalism advisers have lost their jobs for standing up for the First Amendment rights of their students. The New Voices movement seeks to change that.