



## Arlene Waterman

December 24, 1926 - October 6, 2021

Arlene Waterman died peacefully early Wednesday morning, October 6th 2021, at the age of 94 at Bickford Assisted Living in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

She was born Mabel Arlene Ablett on December 24, 1926, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Richard Ablett and Mabel McGovern Ablett, and was their only child. She graduated from East High School in 1944. She was a skilled organist and pianist. On December 23rd, 1949, she was married in Des Moines to David P. Waterman of Minneapolis. They moved to Dayton, Ohio, where David studied at United Theological Seminary and became an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Conference of Iowa. Together they served numerous churches in Iowa. Arlene was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a PEO member, a mentor at Cunningham School, and recipient of the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award. The Watermans attended St. Timothy's United Methodist Church.

Arlene is survived by her daughters, Martha Waterman Nichols (Douglas) of Cedar Falls, and Ellen Waterman of Forest Park, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and aunt, Edna McGovern Weaver. The immediate family will hold a private graveside service in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. No viewing or public service will be held, and no flowers are requested. Memorials may be offered to Cedar Valley Hospice or St. Timothy's UMC. Online condolences may be left at <http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com>, who is assisting the family. Arlene's daughters would like to thank all the Bickford staff for all their loving care.

# Comments

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“ Ellen and Martha, I was so sorry to see about the loss of your mother. Back in the Dysart days, I remember what a sweet and kind person she was. Sending prayers of comfort to you both.

**Lori Dethlefs Maltas** - October 10 at 09:31 PM



“ Lori, thank you so much for taking time to comment and for your prayers. I hope you and yours are well. Ellen

**Ellen Waterman** - October 13 at 11:39 AM

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“ Wendi Gillan lit a candle in memory of Arlene Waterman



**wendi gillan** - October 07 at 12:33 PM

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“ Arlene was such a kind hearted, caring and beautiful soul. I loved her beautiful smile and our times special times together. Her passion for social justice often spurred on my own. She was such a special caregiver, not only for your dad, but for many others. Her commitment to her faith was clearly visible through all she said and did. She truly lived out the Franciscan Principle to “Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.” Her kindness and open acceptance touched many lives, including my own and she will be deeply missed. Thank you Lord for sharing this beautiful soul to touch our lives with your love. Until we can sit with a cup of tea and visit again Arlene... wendi gillan

**wendi gillan** - October 07 at 12:32 PM



“ Wendi, Thank you so much for this lovely tribute. It's obvious you knew her (and Dad) well. We still remember the service you conducted for Dad. I hope you are well and enjoying life.

**Ellen Waterman** - October 13 at 11:40 AM