



## Elayne Blumhagen

May 6, 1931 - March 2, 2021

WATERLOO-Elayne Blumhagen, 89, passed peacefully on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 At Friendship Village. Born May 6, 1931 in Sioux City, IA daughter of Samuel and Velda (Clark) Blumhagen. She held a Bachelor and a Master's degree from UNI and also did graduate work at University of Minnesota and University of Colorado. She worked many years as a Business Department instructor at the Cedar Falls High School, retiring in 1990. Elayne spent her later years as a resident at The Landing, Friendship Village. Elayne was cremated. Inurnment will be at Greenwood Cemetery at a later date. No service is planned.

# Comments

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“ Elayne was a friend of my mother's. They taught together in Ogden, Iowa in the early 1950's and shared many picnics and weekend outings together. Elayne was always a kind soul and loved a good adventure. She had many teaching stories, and we would laugh together over them when she visited my mother. Elayne and her friend, Ann, were a great comfort to me in recent years. I would stop and visit them on my trips to Iowa City to take care of my mother as she journeyed through Alzheimers. When my mother died in the fall of 2019, I could openly cry with Elayne. Her conversations always provided such peace. I will miss our visits. Dea Epley Birtwistle

**Dea Epley Birtwistle** - March 17 at 01:06 PM

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“ The warmth of Elayne's soul filled a room, and when you shared a room with her, you knew everything would be okay.

**Kay Cunningham** - March 07 at 09:08 AM

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“ Elayne and I met as students at Iowa State Teacher's College in the 1950's WE lived across the hall from each other in Lawther Hall. We shared some undercover breakfasts at that time as Elayne managed to hide a toaster and coffee pot under her bed.  
After graduation we both relocated for a few years and then returned to teach in the Cedar Falls Schools. Elayne and I shared a love of reading, the arts, our pet cats and a long friendship.. Elayne was a warm and caring and comfortable lady and I treasure  
the many wonderful memories. Kathy Cunningham

**Kathleen Cunningham** - March 05 at 05:50 PM