



## Agnes W. Riebkes

June 23, 1930 - December 22, 2016

Agnes W. Riebkes (1930-2016)

CEDAR FALLS – Agnes W. Riebkes, 86, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, December 22, 2016, at her home.

She was born June 23, 1930 in Dike, Iowa, daughter of Vilhelm and Kamma (Christensen) Urup. She married Mel Riebkes on June 26, 1953 at Fredsville Lutheran Church, rural Cedar Falls.

She was employed by the American Martyrs Retreat House for 15 years, retiring in 2004.

Survived by: her husband of Cedar Falls; three daughters, Karen (Steve) Dubiel of Paso Robles, CA, Julie (Jack) Schaffner of St. Charles, MO, and Susan (Mike) Carnahan of Tama; two sons, Rod (Terri) Riebkes of Cedar Falls and Jon Riebkes of Longmont, CO; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and two sisters, Grethe Gauger of Waterloo and Elna (Eldon) Dieken of Grundy Center.

Services: 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Orchard Hill Church at Lincoln Center, with burial in Elmwood Cemetery in Dike. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Visitation also for one hour prior to

the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

Dike, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church at Lincoln Center  
18891 Q Avenue  
Grundy Center, IA

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ I worked with Agnes at the American Martyrs Retreat House. We had so much fun, She was so sweet her laughter was so sweet. Rest in peace my friend. God Bless you. Camie C Carney

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**Camie C Carney** - December 31, 2016 at 02:58 PM

LF

“ I'm sorry to learn of Agnes passing. I remember her being one of the first people to greet me when I started working at the Retreat House. Not knowing anyone she made me feel very welcome. My Sympathy to the Riebkes family, Linda Faga

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**Linda Faga** - December 28, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Agnes W. Riebkes.



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December 27, 2016 at 11:26 AM

DJ

“ Dirk And Janise lit a candle in memory of Agnes W. Riebkes



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**Dirk And Janise** - December 26, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Agnes W. Riebkes.*



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December 23, 2016 at 10:45 PM

LZ

“ Dear sweet Uncle Melvin and family,

*I write to you from our home in Managua, Nicaragua, Central America with tears in my eyes wishing I could be with our family at this time. I am thankful to see pictures of Aunt Agnes on face book and to remember her smile and to remember who she was.*

*One thing that would always strike me about Aunt Agnes is that she was a listener. I remember that when I would talk with her, she would ask me many questions about my life, always interested in what was happening and in who I am. She always seemed so present as well, wanting to hear every detail. I always appreciated that about her and am so thankful for the moments she spent with me and I with her.*

*At our last reunion in Wellsburg last summer, I remember looking into her eyes and saying, I love you. I don't think that I have ever said this to her in my whole life, but it is significant to me now to know that I got to let her know that I loved her before she left this earth.*

*Know that we are thinking of you at this time and praying for God's comfort for you as you both miss and celebrate her life this week.*

*Love,  
Cousin Lisa Riebkes Van Zoest*

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**Lisa Riebkes Van Zoest** - December 23, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Agnes W. Riebkes.



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December 23, 2016 at 04:46 PM