



Ana Maria Vernescu

March 25, 1924 - May 26, 2025

Ana Maria Vernescu, age 101, of Cedar Falls, died Monday, May 26, 2025 at MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center.

She was born in Nasaud, Romania on March 25, 1924, the daughter of Octavian and Maria (Tomutia) Marcusiu. She earned a bachelor's degree in business finance from the University of Bucharest Business School in Romania. She married Sorin Vernescu, and together they had a daughter, Flavia. Ana and Sorin were later divorced. Ana worked in Bucharest as a drafter in mechanical engineering for the majority of her career.

Ana and Flavia eventually came to America in 1980 to escape the Communist leadership of Nicolae Ceausescu, after being sponsored by Sorin who had settled in California. Ana and Flavia made their home in Urbana, Illinois. While in Illinois, Ana worked as a seamstress performing alterations for the department store Carson Pirie Scott, as well as a costume designer for the Theater Dept at the University of Illinois. Following a few years in Madison, WI, Ana and Flavia settled in Cedar Falls, Iowa where Flavia taught French and Italian at the University of Northern Iowa. Ana loved music, travelling, hiking in the Swiss Alps (she did so till her 80s), gardening, sewing, entertaining her friends with delicious meals. Till just last month, she would work on her canvases (painting them in different colors, and gluing dry leaves and petals). More than anything, she loved her "little daughter," Flavia, and her little daughter (now almost 72, her only child and caregiver at home), loved her very much!

Ana is survived by her daughter, Flavia of Cedar Falls; and a sister, Stella Marcusiu of Romania. She was preceded in death by her ex-husband, Sorin; and six siblings in Romania.

A family directed celebration of life will take place at a later date. Online guestbook available at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Flavia, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. It was a pleasure to get to know Ana. Please keep in touch! May she rest in peace.* ”

J.R. Freidhof - June 02, 2025 at 09:17 AM



“ *Dear Flavia, deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved mother Ana... I've known Ana only from your virtual posts and from your stories so full of love and devotion. She was your true inspiration and the bond between the two of you, as mother and daughter, will always be remembered as an exceptional life story. You will take further her love for arts, nature and especially for flowers.* ”



Carmen Nicolau - May 31, 2025 at 10:21 PM

AK

“ *Flavia, I am thinking of You and your Sweet Mama❤️. How wonderful that we met!!!! Praying 🙏* ”

Adel Kessler - May 31, 2025 at 03:58 PM

CH

“ *Flavia, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. My daughter and I enjoyed seeing both of you at Cup of Joe and Ana's lovely gift of her artwork is proudly displayed in my home. I was the one who sometimes got to the handicap spot before you--Tuesdays at five...* ”

Connie Hogan - May 31, 2025 at 10:40 AM

HE

“ *Flavia, I am so sorry for the loss of your lovely mama. It was always a pleasure to run into you both at the coffee shop. You have my heart felt condolences. -Heather Eastman*

Heather Eastman - May 31, 2025 at 10:34 AM

EK

“ *Flavia, your Mom did alterations for me for years. She was such a kind, caring woman. May she rest in peace 🙏*

Elaine Keating - May 31, 2025 at 09:33 AM

GB

“ *Flavia...what a beautiful tribute to your mother. Reading it made me wish I had met her.*

Gretta Berghammer - May 30, 2025 at 09:07 AM