



## Augusta Schurrer

October 11, 1925 - January 1, 2015

Augusta Schurrer (1925-2015)

CEDAR FALLS- Augusta Schurrer, 89, of Cedar Falls, IA passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2015, at Sartori Memorial Hospital surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born on October 11, 1925 in the Bronx, New York, daughter of Carl and Louise (Kaintz) Schurrer. She attended New York City Public Schools throughout elementary school and was selected to attend the prestigious Hunter Junior-Senior High School, subsequently receiving her Bachelor's degree from Hunter College in 1944. She spent the year after graduation working for the U.S. government assisting in the development of sonar. In 1945, Augusta moved to Madison, WI, where she received her Doctoral degree from the University of Wisconsin. In 1950, she began teaching mathematics at the Iowa State Teachers College (UNI). She remained a professor at the University of Northern Iowa for 47 years. During this time, she was an active member of the American Mathematical Association, American Mathematical Society, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She received the Dean's Award for superior achievement as a faculty member and served on many university committees, including one of the presidential search committees and the committee to reorganize the departments into Colleges, before retiring in

1997. In retirement, she lived her life to the fullest – traveling all over the world, visiting every continent, supporting and attending numerous fine arts events of all kinds, enjoying the company of her beloved pet family, as well as being an active philanthropist.

Survived by: her long-time housemate and friend, Diane Baum; and several cousins.

Preceded in death by: her parents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's the Witness Catholic Student Center on the UNI campus, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, with a 7pm Vigil Service at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to the services Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Augusta Schurrer Endowment Fund, the Cedar Bend Humane Society, or any charitable organization of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 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>

## Vigil

JAN 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

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615 Main Street  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Stephen the Witness Student Center  
1019 W 23rd Street  
University of Northern Iowa Campus  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-9863  
<http://ststephenuni.org>

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Augusta was probably one of two best teachers I ever had. I had her for Calc 1 & 2 in the 1980's Ceann Hanna Conklin*

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**Ceeann Conklin** - May 28 at 03:28 PM

DB

“ *Dr. Schurrer was my adviser, and I also was lucky enough to be her student in two classes. She was an excellent teacher and wonderful woman.*

- *David Burrow (UNI 1983)*

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**DAVID BURROW** - January 13, 2015 at 07:22 PM

JG

“ *She was a wonderful teacher. I had her for two classes. I graduated in 1970 and still remember her well. Former student John Graber*

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**John Graber** - January 09, 2015 at 06:51 PM

PG

“ *No heart breaks alone for God is always near. When a prayer is whispered God is always there to hear. When sorrow's overwhelming, He comforts tenderly. A single tear never falls that he does not hear.(Psalms 65:2) Sorry for your loss.*

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**Peggy Gienau** - January 06, 2015 at 11:41 AM

SB

“ Such a gifted teacher I am so thankful to have been a student of hers--1977. May she rest in peace.

*Scott Bradfield*

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**Scott Bradfield** - January 06, 2015 at 10:23 AM

SG

“ Dr Schurrer was an excellent math professor. When I needed some extra help with calculus, she encouraged me to stop by her office and kindly gave me the help that I needed. I recall that Dr. Schurrer was working out the problems on a future homework assignment that day. After I began teaching high school math, I read an article about Dr. Schurrer. In the article she shared that teachers have a responsibility to keep current with the latest technology. I've always remembered that.

*Sue (Weiss) Green - UNI Math Student & Proctor 1976-1980*

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**Sue (Weiss) Green** - January 04, 2015 at 09:44 PM

JC

“ Augusta has been a friend of mine since 1992. It is difficult to put into words the daily fun this sweet lady brought to my life. She was fun in the office, a great professor, a wonderful person to do water aerobics and sing songs with many times a week. I will always remember her laugh, quick wit and the inspiration she was to all. She was a blessing in my life. "Happy trails to you, until we meet again!" was a song we sang in aerobics. Love you, Augusta! Blessings to you, Diane! I love you guys! - Jeanne Marshall Cradic

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**Jeanne Marshall Cradic** - January 04, 2015 at 08:51 PM

HC

“ Everyone at Cedar Valley Chamber Music will miss Augusta. Her continued support of our organization over the years really helped us grow and become what we are today. She was someone who truly appreciated the arts and culture, realizing it made the Cedar Valley a better place to live. Thank you Augusta, we will perform next summer's festival in your memory.

-Hunter Capoccioni  
Artistic Director  
Cedar Valley Chamber Music

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Hunter Capoccioni - January 04, 2015 at 02:47 PM

CR

“ I was so fortunate to have been in two of Augusta's classes at UNI and to also keep in touch with her at math conferences. She was clearly very intelligent and had high expectations for her students, but taught in such a way that everyone had the opportunity to succeed. She had such a knack for connecting with students - professional, yet personal. Mathematics might have been the initial connection to her, but there were so many other topics she would engage you in conversation about. She had a delightful sense of humor and wit and was compassionate and kind. Augusta was inspiring and a wonderful role model for my teaching career! UNI was lucky to have her! My sympathy and thoughts are with you, Diane!

Sincerely,  
Cheri Ross

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Cheri Ross - January 04, 2015 at 12:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Augusta Schurrer.*



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January 04, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Augusta Schurrer.*



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January 03, 2015 at 05:34 PM