



## Doris Mae Mauer

November 8, 1934 - December 4, 2023

Doris Mae Mauer, age 89, died Monday, December 4, 2023 at New Aldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Doris was born November 8, 1934, in LeMars, Iowa, the daughter of Elmer and Mildred (Wells) VanderHamm. She graduated from Ireton High School. She obtained her teaching certification from Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI) before receiving a BA from Morningside College in Sioux City. She achieved a master's degree from Clark College in Dubuque, Iowa. On December 30, 1956, she was united in marriage to Virgil E. Mauer in Ireton, Iowa. Doris worked in the Cedar Falls Community Schools for over 40 years, mostly as a sixth grade teacher at Southdale Elementary School. As an educator, she was involved in many professional activities including serving as a professor at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. She was recognized as teacher of the year in 1978, 1988 and 1994. Doris was recognized by the State of Iowa Education Association with its highest award in 1993.

In the Cedar Falls community Doris was active in many civic projects, receiving awards of merit and recognition from the United Way, CFEA, Public Library, World's Window, and Sartori Hospital. In 1997 and 2014 Doris was recognized with the State of Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award. Doris was a longtime member of College Hill Lutheran Church, serving on many committees. For the Cedar Falls Woman's Club, she served in several offices,

including President.

Doris is survived by her two sons, Vincent (Kimberly) Mauer of Cincinnati, OH, and Steven (Julie) Mauer of Overland Park, KS; grandchildren: Stephanie, David (Emma), Laurie, Julia, and Nicholas Mauer, her brother, David (Shirley) VanderHamm of Remsen Iowa, and sister, Lois Ann Barbour of Granbury, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Virgil E. Mauer, on September 15, 2011.

Funeral services will be 11am Thursday, December 28, 2023, at College Hill Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, with a luncheon to follow. Visitation will be from 4-6pm Wednesday, December 27, at Richardson Funeral Service, with a gathering of friends and family at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club immediately after Visitation. Interment will be at Wall Lake Cemetery in Wall Lake Iowa on Friday, December 29, at 11am.

Memorials may be directed to College Hill Lutheran Church or the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

*Gathering of family & friends at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club following visitation.*

## Funeral Service

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Hill Lutheran Church  
2322 Olive Street  
Cedar Fall, IA 50613  
(319) 266-1274  
<http://college-hill.org>

## Burial

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wall Lake Cemetery  
350th St  
Wall Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ We want to send our sincere sympathy to the Mauer family. We had four boys who went to Southdale and had Mrs. Mauer for a teacher. We definitely realize they were blessed to have her for the instruction she gave them. One of the boys remarked that she always said "I want that paper returned on time in my hot little hand". We are aware she did many good things for the community of Cedar Falls.

*Thanks - Dave and Bette Lewis*

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**Dave and Bette Lewis** - December 30, 2023 at 04:50 PM

CH

“ One of my sons had Mrs. Maurer for sixth grade at Southdale Elementary around 1989. He remembers she would dim the lights and read to the students after lunch. He really liked her. She was a wonderful teacher.

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**Cynthia (Ensign) Herndon** - December 29, 2023 at 09:22 PM

PS

“ I have wonderful memories of Doris's presence at Sunday school, Bible school, and many other activities at College Hill. I could always count on a personal greeting and her welcoming smile. We were blessed to have her involved with our activities as kids growing up in the church. Peggy (Hollman) Simpson.

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**Peg Simpson** - December 28, 2023 at 12:21 PM

JH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Vince, Steve and the Mauer family. Doris and Virg were such dear friends to our family. I fondly remember Doris always taking time to see how my siblings and I were doing when back visiting church during and after our college days. She had such a caring heart! We're sending prayers for peace and comfort. Julie Hollman Hibbing

Julie Hollman Hibbing - December 27, 2023 at 04:55 PM

TN

“ Tom and Sandi, Noelle and Neil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris Mae Mauer.

Tom and Sandi, Noelle and Neil - December 27, 2023 at 03:36 PM

TN

“ Tom and Sandi, Noelle and Neil purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Doris Mae Mauer.



Tom and Sandi, Noelle and Neil - December 27, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Doris Mae Mauer.



December 27, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Doris Mae Mauer.*



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December 27, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to the Mauer family. My mother, Ann Rueber, couldn't have asked for a better friend for so many years, and I always looked forward to seeing Doris whenever I visited. She simply exuded love and compassion in everything she did. I also remember her interest when I began my teaching career and her enthusiasm in showing me some innovative activities she had developed for her students. It was an honor to have known Doris, and she will be remembered fondly.*

*Madelyn Peregrim*

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**Madelyn Peregrim** - December 25, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *The Mauer family has my sympathy. Doris was a special friend of my mother, Ann Rueber, and a friend to our whole family. She was still interested in what my siblings and myself were doing long after we had grown and moved away. Her unbounding energy seemed to be especially channeled into her caring love and affection for others. We were really blessed to have known her. Mark Rueber*

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**Mark Rueber** - December 20, 2023 at 10:42 AM

MF

“ Sending my sympathy and prayers to the Mauer Family. I had the pleasure of visiting Doris over the past 8 years representing Morningside University. Doris always enjoyed hearing the updates and latest news about her alma mater. She was a proud mom and grandmother. We spent hours talking about Vince and Steve and their families. She was so proud of her grandchildren and all they accomplished. Doris was welcoming, full of life, and always positive. She was invested in community and people. She cared deeply and her actions showed it. I learned about her involvement with so many organizations and all the good she did. Doris will be missed by many. May she rest in peace. Mike Freeman - Morningside University

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**Mike Freeman** - December 12, 2023 at 02:57 PM

SH

“ Mrs.Mauer was my 6th grade teacher at southdale.She was the best teacher.Always willing to give extra time to help.I will never forget you, THANK YOU! Shawn Heath

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**shawn heath** - December 12, 2023 at 09:01 AM

LT

“ Sending our sympathy. Doris was a good friend of my mother, Ann Rueber. They were involved in a lot of things together both in community and church. I remember one time I couldn't get in touch with my mother and was concerned about her. I called your dad to see if he had seen my mother lately. He said he had and that she and your mother were at a meeting or doing something together. May the Holy Spirit comfort you. Lois Timmermann

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**Lois Timmermann** - December 11, 2023 at 07:05 PM

Jl

“ You have my sympathy. May God grant you His strength and peace. Doris was a special lady! Always interested in everyone’s lives. She truly cared about the other person, putting them before herself. She will be missed!

*I was a member of College Hill. It was a great pleasure to have known Virgil and Doris!*

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**Jean Ihns** - December 09, 2023 at 10:23 AM

KC

“ Mrs. Mauer was my 6th grade teacher at Southdale back in the 60's. She was my absolute favorite teacher, she always had a smile and wonderful attitude towards all students. She was a great educator, it was easy to learn from her. I always wondered where Mrs. Mauer went after teaching, she was certainly a busy and respected woman. Mrs. Mauer, you were a blessing to me, and I am so honored to have had you as a teacher. May you rest in peace. My condolences to the boys. Kim (Kates) Croushore

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**Kim Croushore** - December 09, 2023 at 12:41 AM

LD

“ Doris has been such a vibrant member of our church. She worked tirelessly for others and was so very kind. She will be missed.

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**Lori Dove** - December 08, 2023 at 06:22 PM

KW

“ I am saddened to learn of Doris passing. She was a wonderful person who was always busy helping others. May memories bring you comfort and may God grant you peace in the coming days. With deepest sympathy

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**Kerri Wilson** - December 08, 2023 at 05:35 PM