



Elsa Roberts

December 18, 1947 - December 10, 2020

CEDAR FALLS-Elsa Gusts Roberts, 72, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, December 10, 2020 at NewAldaya Lifescapes of COVID-19.

She was born December 18, 1947, in Nuremberg, Germany, the daughter of Karlis and Katherine (Kreutzer) Gusts. She married Harry “Butch” Roberts July 17, 1965, in Austin, MN. Elsa graduated from Austin High School in 1965 and received her RN degree from Hawkeye Tech in 1984. She worked at Harrison Dept. Store and later as a RN at St. Francis (Covenant), Country View, Western Home Communities and the Cedar Falls Lutheran Home, retiring in 1998.

Survived by her husband of Cedar Falls; son, Robin (Brenda) Roberts of Cedar Falls; daughters, Keri Hudson and Rene (Dave) Bronner, both of Cedar Falls; six grandchildren, Kristin (Chris) Vowell, Taylor (Mark) Pinero, Trey Bronner, Mackenzie Roberts, Kenidee and Alivia Bronner; three great grandchildren, Isaac, Isabella, and Illa Vowell; brother, Helmut (Lou) Gusts of Janesville, MN; and three sisters, Betty (Dick) Johnson of Austin, MN, Netty (Joe) Pacino of Pismo Beach, CA, and Sandy (Joe) Mendes of Leesburg, VA. Preceded in death by her parents, mother- and father-in-law Harold and Evelyn Roberts, son-in-law Terry Hudson, brothers-in-law Keith Heichel and Denis Nelson.

Elsa was very proud of her German heritage. Her mother emigrated from Germany and her father from Latvia. She was known for her smile and her loving hugs. Her faith became even stronger as she navigated through the

months at NewAldaya where her family could not be with her. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. Elsa loved her husband, children, and grandchildren. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Private family service will be Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at the Larsen Chapel at Nazareth Lutheran Church, with inurnment in Hillside Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Online condolences may be left at: www.richardsonfuneralservice.com. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Lone Tree Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Robin, Keri and Rene,

My sympathy to your family. May your memories of your Mom carry you through. God Bless You..Mim Baker

Mim Baker - December 20, 2020 at 09:28 PM

BE

“ *I used to visit Elsa with her sister, Betty. So many memories driving to Cedar Falls for the weekend to visit. So sorry to hear of her passing and my sympathy to all of you.*

Beth Wobbrock Houchin

Beth - December 18, 2020 at 02:29 PM

BP

“ *you are my all time favorite Elsa-Bill Pick*

bill pick - December 15, 2020 at 10:08 AM

SP

“ *Elsa was always with a smile or a laugh. She was easy to be around and will miss her. Shawn & Sandy Praska*

Sandra Praska - December 14, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.*



December 14, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ *Keri, from the tributes submitted and from the description of her life in this posting, your Mom was a heck of a gal and it is pretty clear that you have a lot of your Mom in you. I hope that you will find comfort in knowing that her passion for life is generously passed along in you, Keri. Peace and comfort to you and your family. Sincerely, Jamie M*

Jamie Michaels - December 14, 2020 at 09:34 AM



“ *From your West High Athletic Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elsa Roberts.*



From your West High Athletic Family - December 14, 2020 at 09:10 AM



“ *Jeanne Mendes purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Elsa Roberts.*



Jeanne Mendes - December 13, 2020 at 07:45 PM

NH

“ So sorry to hear of Elsa's passing. Know she will be missed dearly by her family and the Class of 1965.

Nancy Dunsmore Hendren - December 13, 2020 at 12:51 PM

CL

“ Harry, Robin, Keri, and Rene:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember one spring we tried to help put in the dock at the lake and I gave her a wild ride in the bass boat after we were done. She always had a wonderful smile and laugh. May you share fun story's as you gather to say good bye. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time of loss
Charlie Laipple

charlie Laipple - December 13, 2020 at 09:53 AM

TF

“ The Mendes Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Elsa Roberts.



The Mendes Family - December 13, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.



December 12, 2020 at 10:02 PM

DJ

“ Harry, Robin, Keri, and Rene:

We were so saddened to learn that one of life's extraordinary treasures is no longer with us.

Although we cannot begin to feel the pain that you are experiencing at this most difficult time, we can somehow try to thank each of you for the wonderful way that you were able to share such a very special lady with so many of us.

Because of this, we too were able to enjoy her infectious smile, bubbly personality, and her true zest for life. She was always such a pure delight to be around and had a way of making those near her feel better just by being in her presence.

We know that she loved each one of you in a very special way. Somehow, she made us all feel as though we were part of that adoration, as well.

She will be missed.

- Dick and Judy Jessen

Dick and Judy Jessen - December 12, 2020 at 05:38 PM

HO

“ *Elsa and I worked together at St Francis hospital in early 1980's. We seemed to work the night shift on the same weekends. Many times we would ride together back to CF! Wonderful, caring nurse and friend. I will miss her. My sincere sympathy. Holly Secor*

holly - December 12, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.*



December 12, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Elsa was such a joy to know and be around. We met when I worked at St. John's and she was volunteering. I've never known anyone that was such a sheer delight to spend time with. She gave the best hugs in the world, she made me laugh and just brought such a happy vibe wherever she went. She had such a deep love for her family. To know her was to love her. Sending love and prayers for the family. She will be missed so much.*

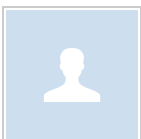
Joanne Goodrich - December 12, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.*



December 12, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.*



December 12, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.



December 12, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Butch and family.
I'm so sorry to read of Elsas passing. Keep all those good memories up front. I know how much you will miss her your Wife,MomGrandma.

Sandy Cavin

Sandra Cavin - December 12, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.



December 12, 2020 at 05:01 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.



December 12, 2020 at 12:57 AM

KB

“ Rene I am so sorry about your mother. I know you will miss her very much because, you have been very closer to her. I never new your mother was born and from Germany. Cherish all the good memories. Prayers to you and your family. Hugs to you Rene!

Karen Boelmam - December 11, 2020 at 11:19 PM

SM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Elsa when we worked at Western Home and our friendship after. Our long hugs in the produce isle at Fareway finishing with awesome Elsa smile and laugh. She made the BEST tuna casserole and her beautiful collection of snowmen. All those pale in comparison to her love of her family. She was so proud of each of you and loved being grandma. Praying for all of you.

Sharon McRae - December 11, 2020 at 09:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.



December 11, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.



December 11, 2020 at 08:11 PM

GS

“ I don't have a specific memory but lots of little things, her smile, her laugh, her bustling down the hall as she went to do something, the look on her face when she would tell either staff or patient not to do something and then they would do it and exactly what she said would happen, would happen. She helped me so much when I was a young new grad many yrs ago and she was such a good listener. I am stunned and I can't stop saying, I can't believe she's gone. I'm so sad for all of you, Remember the good and the bad and she will always be with you💔🙏. Georgianna Suppes

georgianna suppes - December 11, 2020 at 07:55 PM

MA

“ Living one house away growing up there were a lot of fun memories. One particularly stands out and it's Elsa wearing her favorite Jersey T-shirt(Minnesota Vikings) and Juice Newton's "Playing With The Queen of Hearts" album blaring! ❤️❤️

Manette Bell Anderson - December 11, 2020 at 07:14 PM

EM

“ So sorry of Elsa's passing. She was such a special person and she loved her Lord. She is seeing Him face to face right now. But will be missed. Prayers for all all of the family! 🙏🥹🙏

Eddie Michel - December 11, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elsa Roberts.



December 11, 2020 at 06:08 PM

JD

“ *Elsa was one of the warmest people I will ever know. She always made me feel welcome and I always felt that she was happy to see me. One of my favorite memories was spending a weekend with Elsa and Keri at the lake. We just spent time talking, laughing, eating Dill pickle chips and just enjoying the time together. I will miss her sweet smile. Heaven gained a really good one.*

Jodi D - December 11, 2020 at 06:00 PM

AH

“ *I worked with Elsa at the Western Home. She was well liked and a good nurse. Always a smile. My sympathies to her family.*

Avis Handorf - December 11, 2020 at 05:55 PM

KC

“ *Loved Elsa! I remember her bringing Robin Keri and Rene to classes at Fisher School - then granddaughters as well - Elsa and I had bad knees in common and discussed our treatments at length across the produce at the grocery store... She was a treasure....*

Kim Casey - December 11, 2020 at 05:33 PM

BO

“ *My sympathy to the Roberts Family....*



Brian Olehy - December 11, 2020 at 05:14 PM

JN

“ *Joe and Netty purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elsa Roberts.*



Joe and Netty - December 11, 2020 at 12:00 PM