



Grace Rapp

January 20, 1931 - August 8, 2022

Grace Mary Rapp, 91 of Cedar Falls died on August 8th at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

Grace Mary, the daughter of William George and Anna (Klodt) Crowston was born January 20, 1931, at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls.

Grace graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1949. In the fall of 1949 she met the love of her life, Robert. Bob was the brother of her friend Betty. Betty and Grace rode the city bus together to their jobs at the Rath Packing Company in Waterloo. Betty introduced Grace to her brother and the rest is history. Bob and Grace's relationship was a match made in heaven. They were married on December 3, 1950, at the First Baptist Church with Betty as one of the bridesmaids. Bob and Grace spent their entire sixty-six years of marriage living in Cedar Falls. Forty-five of those years they lived on Garden Ave. in a house they helped build. They were faithful members of First United Methodist Church.

Grace was a stay-at-home with Cindi, Susie, and David until the late 1960's. Her career in retail began when she applied for a job in the ladies clothing department at K-Mart on University Ave. She worked there until Younkers opened a store at College Square Mall in 1969. Grace was department head of the Junior Department and later Women's Sportswear until her retirement in

1993.

Grace and Bob loved their children and their main focus as parents was to raise kind, caring, loving and independent adults. After their success as parents they became loving and proud grandparents of six grandchildren. Each year Bob and Grace would make a trip to see Susie and her family in Arizona. When Hannah came along, they became Hannah's caretaker while David and Ronda worked. Cindi and her girls spent many Saturdays going to College Square Mall to have lunch with Grandma and her coworkers at Bishops Buffet.

Two years after Bob passed away Grace moved to Ledges 3 and made many new friends. A group of ladies frequently enjoyed a glass of wine and conversation on Grace's patio. Also on Sunday nights Grace would join a group of friends in the Community Room to play cards. Grace loved her life at Ledges 3 and didn't want to leave because her neighbors wouldn't be able to drop in to visit.

Grace is survived by daughters, Cindi (Randy) Hartman of La Porte City, Susie (Steve) Jans of Oro Valley, Arizona; son, David (Ronda) Rapp of Cedar Falls; grandchildren, Heather (Rob Long) Hartman-Long of Waterloo, Tiffani Ingram of Cedar Park, Texas, Brooke Hartman of Waterloo, Chad (Michelle) Jans of Fort Collins, Colorado, Tyler Jans of Phoenix, Arizona, and Hannah Rapp of Ames. There are four great grandchildren: Michael Syphrit, Rylie Long, Caden Long, Paige Ingram and two step great grandchildren; Gabrielle Willhite and Cameron Carmona.

Grace is preceded in death by her parents, William George and Anna Crowston, husband, Robert, and five siblings, Hilda, Robert, and William Donald Crowston, Josephine Whitney, and Arthur Crowston.

Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 12, 2022, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday at Richardson Funeral Service. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 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

AUG 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

CA

“ Caden sent a virtual gift in memory of Grace Rapp



caden - January 17, 2025 at 10:06 AM

CA

“ Caden sent a virtual gift in memory of Grace Rapp



caden - March 20, 2023 at 08:30 PM

CA

“ Caden lit a candle in memory of Grace Rapp



caden - March 20, 2023 at 08:29 PM

CA

hey great grandma love you i miss you rest up see you next time love you

caden - March 20, 2023 at 08:29 PM

SF

“ How very sad I was to hear of Grace's passing. My Mom, Rosie (Frisch) Christensen was a friend of Grace's/ plus had the pleasure of living at the Ledges near Grace.

When I would visit... Grace was always warm, welcoming to me (and my husband, Jack) ... as she was to EVERYONE! Her door was always open to visitors... and a smile on her face. I also remember her from Younkers! Cedar Falls has lost a dear person.. but yet, Heaven has gained another Angel. I am betting she and my Mom have already had coffee & a visit in Heaven!

May happy memories of this dear lady sustain you in these sad times ahead. May only smiles be on your faces.

Most Sincerely,
Sue Fellenzer
Bella Vista, AR

Sue Fellenzer - August 15, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grace Rapp.



August 11, 2022 at 01:46 PM

CD

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF SUCH A GREAT LOSS IN YOUR FAMILY..MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU....CHAD VAN DYKE

CHAD VAN DYKE - August 10, 2022 at 08:43 PM

LP

“ I was sorry to hear of Grace's passing. Grace and my mom (Barbara Nielsen Wickersham) were childhood friends. They walked home from school together beginning in kindergarten back in the mid 1930s! I met Grace after she began working at Younkers in College Square. When shopping with my mom, we always had to stop in and see if Grace was working! Always! I was 12 in 1970 and over the years we saw her a lot in Younkers. In 2011 my mom and dad moved back to Cedar Falls, after 50+ years in Gladbrook, and mom and Grace reconnected again at church. When I visited, I attended church too and would visit with Grace. She always sat in the same place in church! She was so friendly and kind to me, and in 2018 she came to my mom's funeral at First United Methodist Church. I haven't seen Grace since before the pandemic, but thought of her often, hoping that she was well. I live in eastern Iowa and won't be able to make her funeral, but my dad will be attending her service. My condolences as your family grieves Grace and as you remember her long and well lived life. Lori Wickersham Proctor

Lori Wickersham Proctor - August 10, 2022 at 03:41 PM

MD

“ We are so sorry to hear of our dear friend, Grace Mary's passing. ❤️ I don't know what my mom , Marvel, would have done without her after my dad died! For the rest of her career at Younkers, Grace picked my mom up for work every single day, for all those years! And always such a dear friend for their coffee talks, pie at Bishops, and everything else! Your mom was one of the sweetest , kindest and happiest women I've every known, and I will think of her always! My deepest condolences to you all! 😞. Mary Dix

mary dix - August 09, 2022 at 09:35 PM

NK

“ Our faith was shared together by sitting in the same pew at church over the years. We prayed, sang, shared communion as witnesses to our faith in God.
Rest in peace my cousin.



Nancy Klodt - August 09, 2022 at 09:16 PM

AJ

“ I am sorry to hear about Grace Mary’s passing. She was a high school classmate of my husband, Gene, but I also knew her and her parents from 1st Baptist Church. My sister is Mary Grace; people would often get them mixed up! May the Lord give you His peace and comfort during these coming days. Alice (Bunnell) Janssen

Alice Janssen - August 09, 2022 at 05:17 PM

CH

“ Carole Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Grace Rapp



carole hoffman - August 09, 2022 at 01:58 PM