



## Harriet Goodman

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Harriet Goodman, 95, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls.

She was born to David and Pearl Gelfand (Tolmach) in Bronx, New York and later moved to Los Angeles, CA with her parents.

Harriet graduated from high school at Hollywood High when she was 16. She then attended UCLA at just 17 years of age and graduated as an elementary school teacher. She later went on to pursue a graduate program from the University of Northern Iowa and graduated with a master's degree in Child Psychology.

Harriet married her sweetheart, Ralph Goodman, on January 30, 1955. She and her husband, Ralph, moved to Cedar Falls, IA, in 1964, where she taught first-grade at Lincoln Grade school and later taught Childhood development at the University of Northern Iowa as a “temporary” instructor for over 20 years. She was beloved by her students and would tell stories of having the same students in her college class that she also taught in first grade.

Harriet loved music and wrote many nocturnal and rhapsodies for violin and

piano. She began studying music at the age of 8. As a teenager, she studied with famous composer and pianist Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, a native of Florence, Italy, who also taught many famous composers.

Harriet and her husband, Ralph, had a special group of friends that would gather each month. They called themselves the Chatter Platter Group. After retirement, Harriet and Ralph became massage therapists. They also loved to volunteer at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, in Cedar Falls IA.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents, David and Pearl Gelfand, and her husband, Ralph Goodman.

Harriet is survived by her 3 children; Keith (Isabel) Goodman, Resshena (Steve) Pulley, and Roxie Anderson, 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren.

Special friends of over 60 years: Alice Jamosky of Cedar Falls IA & Alice and Carl Jenkins of Cedar Falls IA.

Harriet was deeply loved and will be greatly missed!

There will be no services.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Harriet was so loving—she and Ralph really became like a second family when I moved to CF for school, and took me under their wing. I always felt welcomed and so encouraged after visiting them. Her stories and enthusiasm for life was infectious & truly inspiring. I gleaned so much from her wisdom. I will always be thankful to God to have known her. Prayers and blessings to her family—  
Summer H.*



Summer Hoyt - June 15 at 10:19 PM



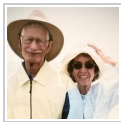
*Thank you Summer. Mom loved you so much!*

Roxy Anderson - June 25 at 08:59 AM

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“*Sending heartfelt condolences to Harriet’s family. We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Harriet was the best family friend we ever had. Over 60 years of memories and stories will fill us with joy and fondness for years to come. My mother will truly miss her best friend. Love and hugs to all of you. May her memory be a blessing.*

Valerie Leonard - June 13 at 11:18 AM



*thank you Valerie. Mom and alice were quite the pair*

Roxy Anderson - June 25 at 08:59 AM

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“ Harriet’s family, you have my deepest sympathies, my mother was carol aldrich and she loved your mother so much, and Harriet always had a new story to tell when ever I saw her. Those girls were meant for each other. I know there will be a big party going on in heaven this week. Larry sundt. 😊🙏🙏🙏

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**Larry sundt** - June 12 at 02:36 PM

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Thank you, Larry man do I miss your mom? She was everything to me too. I love your mom so so much. I have the teddy bear. I have the blanket and I have a nutcracker only it’s Carol and she’s holding cookies.

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**Roxanna Anderson** - June 13 at 06:32 AM