



Joyce A. Gault

February 23, 1929 - May 28, 2018

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CEDAR FALLS – Joyce A. Gault, 89, of Cedar Falls died Monday, May 28, 2018 at Western Home Communities Nation Cottage.

She was born February 23, 1929 in Crawfordsville, Iowa, daughter of Frank and Bertha (Strothman) Gault. She received her BA degree from the University of Northern Iowa; her Master of Music and Doctor of Music degrees in Applied Performance from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. She taught one year each in New Hampton and Cedar Rapids and three years at the Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She then was a Professor of Music at the University of Northern Iowa for 37 years, retiring in 1994.

Survived by: a sister, Lucille Humphreys of Crawfordsville; three nieces, Anne (Vern) Dengler of Iowa City, Lynne Humphreys of Coralville, and Mary Kay (Kevin) Rappenecker of Crawfordsville; and two nephews, Chris (Michelle) Humphreys M.D. of Cedar Rapids, and Paul (Lynn) Humphreys of Winfield.

Preceded in death by: a brother-in-law, Robert Humphreys.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7th at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar

Falls with visitation from noon until service time at the church. Burial in Crawfordsville Cemetery. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to the church or UNI Foundation.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

The family would like to thank the staff of Nation Cottage and Cedar Valley Hospice for the exceptional, loving care they gave to Joyce over the past few years.

Cemetery Details

Crawfordsville Cemetery

Crawfordsville, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
902 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-3930
<http://www.firstprescf.org/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PH

“ *My family attended the same church in Crawfordsville that the Gault family attended. We were a few years younger, but the Hendersons remember very well the contribution the Joyce made with her singing and playing.*

Paul Henderson - June 03, 2018 at 08:54 PM

DM

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Dr Gault on many occassions. My mother Doreen (Lease) Main of Crawfordsville, shared their love of music and were life long friends up until her passing in 2013.*

Douglas Main - June 03, 2018 at 02:11 PM

JH

“ *To Joyce's family,*

I had the delight of knowing Joyce from the time I arrived at UNI (then-SCI) to teach in a different department until well into her retirement. Always gracious and charming to me, I never ceased to be enthralled when she performed.

My deep sympathy to you all,

Judith Harrington

Judith Harrington - June 03, 2018 at 08:32 AM

CO

“ Dr. Joyce Gault was the best piano teacher I ever had! Not only was she smart and talented, she cared! When I went on to Michigan and Oregon on the way to getting my DMA, I had other good teachers but none matched Joyce Gault in caring! She always showed me that she wanted the best for me, that I should develop my best piano self consistently; she demanded it. Later, when I told her that she had been my best piano teacher she was pleased, but then said "Oh, I know a lot more now than I did when you and I worked together". That was another reason she was so good! She never stopped learning, about music, piano, and teaching. Later, I enjoyed our correspondence, and our visits, both to my home and to hers. Thank you Joyce, for being in my life!

*Dr. Constance Speake DMA
at ISTC,UNI from 1957-1960*

constance - May 31, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JL

“ Thank you Dr. Gault for all you taught me...not just about playing piano.

Jean Loger - May 29, 2018 at 06:04 PM

AB

I'm writing this for a former student of mine, Brent Hanson, who studied with Dr. Gault at UNI and he called me earlier this week when I was at the Iowa Music Teachers Association State Conference to tell me the sad news. He felt very deeply about Dr. Gault and her teaching, and her caring and plays every day still. Brent had studied with me which he was in jr. high and high school and I couldn't expand his love of music literature past Bach. Dr. Gault succeeded to do that. Also, I took lessons from Dr. Gault for my first year moving here from Colorado and her use of pedal and preciseness taught me more about teaching than my own solo work. I used to carry my snow shovel around and would stop by her house and do the driveway when I could. I played on a Windy Hill Singers program with her and she leaned over to me and said, "You really can't put all you do into a resume." She was always so aware. Joyce will be deeply remembered for her impact on so many people.

Ann Barry - June 07, 2018 at 12:33 PM

DW

This is so late after her passing but I can't go without saying something. Ultimately I became a physician, but I studied with her while I was at UNI. She didn't care what my major was. It was my love of the instrument that mattered to her. The demands of me as a young man were to shape my character for the rest of my life: you don't know what you can do until you apply yourself, work hard, practice, and demand more of yourself. As a result at the age of 65 I still study, perform when I can and keep learning. Music and medicine often walk hand in hand. Thank you so much Dr Gault for seeing things in me that this boy from the farm didn't think were possible.

Dr Dennis D Walston - September 05, 2019 at 09:27 PM