



Julia "Julie" Bailey

July 23, 1919 - January 8, 2017

Julia "Julie" Bailey (1919-2017)

CEDAR FALLS – Julia "Julie" Bailey, 97, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Sunday, January 8, 2017 at Western Home Communities Windhaven.

She was born July 23, 1919 in Cedar Falls, the daughter of Samuel and Grace (Simpson) Bailey.

She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1937 and earned her BA degree in English from Cornell College in 1941. She furthered her education at Iowa State Teachers College and received her MA in Library Science from the University of Minnesota. She was a librarian at Cedar Falls High School for 27 years, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, AAUW and PEO. Her life-long interests were reading, music, travel and people. Her favorite volunteer job was recording books for the blind.

Survived by: a nephew, Lawrence (Nancy) Bailey and their children: Ransom, Anne and Julia.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, Ransom and David Bailey.

No services are planned at this time. Inurnment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Richardson Funeral Service assisted the family.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

MD

“ From 1968-1971 Ms Bailey was my librarian. Whenever (often) I skipped out on a class I would hide out in the CFHS library. Back in a corner there was a swivel chair that was my spot. I'd read the DMR or other library resources. Ms. Bailey never ratted me out. Godspeed, Julie Bailey.

Michael J Dargan - November 11, 2025 at 01:15 PM

AE

“ Aimee Erne & Connie Thomas Erne lit a candle in memory of Julia "Julie" Bailey



Aimee Erne & Connie Thomas Erne - January 18, 2017 at 08:55 AM

AK

“ Thinking of all those who loved Julie so very dearly and were so blessed to be Family or Friend. Keeping you in Prayer. Adel Kessler

adel kessler - January 16, 2017 at 03:25 PM

BB

“ The many many complimentary comments on the "igrewupincedarfalls " Facebook page attest to her legacy. She inspired so many.

Bill Bader - January 13, 2017 at 12:00 PM

BB

“ *Julie was a colleague and good friend of mine at Cedar Falls High school and also after she retired. She was always candid and sincere and had a wonderful sense of humor. My last visit with her at Windhaven was last April and she was as sharp and witty as always.*

Bill Bader

Bill Bader - January 13, 2017 at 11:28 AM

KO

“ *I had the honor of traveling to Mexico with Miss Bailey and Mrs. Struyk the summer of 1971. The two paired up to take 8 Spanish students from Cedar Falls High School to tour the country for about 2 weeks. We had a great time - a huge learning experience. Many great memories of the trip.*

Kathy Shelton Ott - January 13, 2017 at 12:23 AM

JA

“ *"Julie was a friend. A time with Julie and the conversation was vibrant and thoughtful with a dash of good humor laced in. While it had been sometime since we visited with her, now I reflect on those visits and try to imagine all the students she must have encouraged along the way. "* *Janice Abel and Mary Lou Hunt*

Janice Abel - January 12, 2017 at 07:03 PM

KS

“ *Julie Bailey left her mark on Cedar Falls High School students and staff. She was smart, unfailingly helpful, and a wonderful conversationalist. We shall miss her grace and friendly banter.*

Kelvin and Daphne Schuchart

Kelvin and Daphne Schuchart - January 12, 2017 at 10:56 AM

RC

“ *Julie was my librarian in the early 60's at CFHS. She was friendly, helpful and well-liked by all. She visited her mother often who I cared for in her final years. Julie was a real credit to her profession who will be missed by the thousands she served.*

Richard Christie - January 11, 2017 at 07:54 AM