



Liesa Bailey

December 7, 1951 - March 18, 2015

Liesa C. Bailey (1951-2015)

CEDAR FALLS- Liesa C. Bailey, 63, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at her home.

She was born December 7, 1951 in Windom, Minnesota, daughter of Clarence and Gladys (Cameron) Brobst. She married Ed Bailey on June 26, 1976 at Sebago Lake in Maine.

She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1970 and earned both her BA degree and MA degree in Education from the University of Northern Iowa. She was employed as a sixth grade teacher with the Waverly-Shell Rock School District for 25 years, and a member of Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls.

Survived by: her husband, Ed; a daughter, Sarah (Charles) Foster of Cedar Falls; a son, Sam (Christine) Bailey of Colorado; four grandchildren; her mother, Gladys Brobst of Cedar Falls; and four siblings: Linda (Doug) Dahl and John (Jean) Brobst, both of Minnesota; Kathy Brabender (Mike) of Wisconsin, and David (Becky) Brobst of Texas.

Memorial Services: 10:00 a.m. Saturday, MARCH 28 at Nazareth Evangelical

Lutheran Church. Family will receive friends following the service. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Preceded in death by: her father; and a brother, Jerry Brobst.

Memorials may be directed to Hartman Reserve Nature Center.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-7589
<http://naz.org>

Tribute Wall

ST

“ I was a classmate of Leisa's. She was such a good friend. Her laugh was so special I always knew it was hers. I can believe that she was a teacher. Rest in peace and may God be with your family. Sandra Train Menken



Sandy Train - May 22, 2015 at 08:12 PM

PB

“ Thinking of you and your family during this time of loss from your lives.. Cousin Pauline (Judkins) Bailey

Pauline M Bailey - May 01, 2015 at 04:57 PM

KL

“ My favorite memory of Mrs. Bailey is that she would let me draw on the whiteboard instead of having to go to study hall. I will miss her very much.
Kirsten Love

Kirsten Love - March 28, 2015 at 12:14 PM

NS

“ Very sad news for all. Liesa's love and everything that made her so special will live on in your memories and all who knew her. She had an abundance of warmth, caring, and love to give. We will miss seeing her by your side.

May you feel Jesus' comforting presence.

Nancy + Neil

Nancy Stadlman - March 25, 2015 at 01:33 PM

KN

“ *Liesa lived her life with one singular purpose: to love others, serve others, and have a ton of fun. What a wonderful role model for those who knew her and were around her! She made a permanent mark on so many throughout her life, and we are all extremely blessed to have learned from her and grown because of her.*

*Ed, Sam & Christine, Sarah & Charles,
I love you all so very dearly. The love that your family has for each other and for those around you is immeasurable. Hold tight to those memories and to each other.*

My thoughts and prayers are with you all...

Kelly Noren

Kelly Noren - March 25, 2015 at 09:57 AM

DC

“ My dear friend Liesa was a great friend and colleague of mine while I was at Waverly Middle School. I had the privilege of co-teaching with this amazing woman who brought so much life and excitement to the classroom. We took a computer class together, we had lunch together, we talked about our faith, our mothers, and shared our memories. She loved reading books that her students would be interested in and had them all on a bookshelf in her room at the old CUNA school building. She was an inspiration to me, and I will miss her greatly. As I am crying while writing this, I don't understand why she was taken so soon from this world, but I will see her again some day. I miss you and love you Liesa Bailey. My prayers are with you Ed, Sam and Sarah. May the Lord comfort you during this time of sadness.

DeeAnn C.

DeeAnn Crandall - March 25, 2015 at 09:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Liesa Bailey.



March 24, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Liesa Bailey.



March 24, 2015 at 08:37 AM

LF

“ Dear Ed, Sam, and Sarah,
We are truly sorry for your loss. Many years ago Leisa provided daycare for Lani. It was such a blessing to have someone so caring and creative taking care of her. So, we were thrilled when Leisa came back into our lives as Lani's 6th grade teacher. It is hard to imagine how many lives Leisa touched. We are all a little better for having known her.
Our sincere sympathy,
Linda and Arno Fabbro

Linda Fabbro - March 23, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Liesa Bailey.



March 23, 2015 at 03:10 PM

KL

“ Mrs. Bailey was one of the few teachers who encouraged both my love of learning and the wackier side of my sense of humor - I've always appreciated that.

Kirk Lehmann

Kirk Lehmann - March 23, 2015 at 12:53 PM

GR

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Liesa. She was one of the first teachers I met when I moved to Cedar Falls 30 years ago, graciously opening her classroom to me so that I could teach drama. Her passion for teaching was contagious.

Gretta Berghammer

Gretta - March 23, 2015 at 12:03 PM

KS

“ We have fond memories of Liesa as the teacher of our daughter 5 years ago. She touched her life for good at a crucial time. This was a blessing to many that will never be forgotten. Til we meet again, Karen, Rob and Rosalia Strong

Karen Strong - March 22, 2015 at 10:17 PM

LM

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Liesa. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Larry & Diane McGrane

Larry McGrane - March 22, 2015 at 12:04 PM

VO

“ So shocked and sorry to hear of Liesa's passing. A beautiful person. A CFHS and UNI classmate.

Vicki Hartgave Owen - March 22, 2015 at 10:12 AM

CG

“ So sorry for your loss, Ed, Sam and Sarah. Liesa was Dustin's second mother and we have such fond memories of her and your family. She was so patient and kind to all and such an example of a Christian in action. I am praying for your comfort.

Carole Good - March 22, 2015 at 08:41 AM

 Ralph Stith Jr.

“ I want to give my heart felt condolences to the Bailey family and friends. I didn't know Ms. Liesa but I have had the pleasure of serving with her son Sam. She had to be awesome in order to raise such an awesome son. I pray the Lord will comfort you all at this time.

Ralph Stith Jr. - March 22, 2015 at 07:45 AM

MS

“ Dear Ed, Sam and Sarah,
We were so sorry to hear about Liesa. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Doug and Marnie Stewart

Marnie Stewart - March 21, 2015 at 07:37 AM

MR

“ Really sorry about this. Ed, you're in our thoughts and prayers. Sam, Sarah, and families, you too.

Matt and Jen Reisetter - March 21, 2015 at 12:18 AM

JS

“ I love the Bailey fam. They are all so kind, loving and genuine. Always smiling, always happy, Ed and Liesa's love radiated. I am saddened for your loss. I will be thinking of you all and keeping you in my prayers.
I love you, my little Basil.

jen stumpo - March 20, 2015 at 08:37 PM

EL

“ 2 of my 4 children had her in the 6th grade. She was a wonderful teacher and mentored many children into always giving their best .My daughters developed "life long" friends in her classroom. My she be wrapped securely in the Lord's loving arms. Praying for His peace for her family, friends & students who will miss her here. Until we meet again. E Lodge

Ellen Lodge - March 20, 2015 at 07:27 PM

CL

“ What a wonderful woman the world will miss daily. I always enjoyed seeing and visiting when she and Ed came to the Rec and I got the pleasure of putting them through the paces. Ed and Sara, my thoughts are with you.

Cindy Lang

Cindy Lang - March 20, 2015 at 07:17 PM

LC

“ Three wonderful years ago, she was my sixth grade teacher. When I heard, I was appalled: I never thought I would see the day where this wonderful lively woman who loved who students so much could ever pass. I guess I had this idea that she would outlive us all. I loved her so much. It's so hard when you lose a teacher- even one you don't like- because you spent a year with them. It's even harder when it's a dear friend. She always told me that I would go so far and get so many scholarships in sports and academics and she would be watching. She told me that she would be right there watching me and cheering me on because she knew that I could and would do anything I set my mind to. She believed in me and everyone else and she loved each and every one of us. Now I know that she will be watching me and cheering me on, just not here among us.

I love you Mrs. Bailey.

Lexus Carpenter - March 20, 2015 at 06:39 PM

JG

“ Mrs. Bailey was my sixth grade teacher 24 years ago and was one of my favorite teachers. She was an amazing lady and I am glad that I had the opportunity to know her. Jennifer Grant

Jennifer Grant - March 20, 2015 at 06:27 PM

KR

“ The most energetic, enthusiastic teacher my daughter, Krissy Weir, has ever had! Wonderful woman.

Kimberly Rowell - March 20, 2015 at 05:15 PM

PT

“ Mrs. Bailey was a wonderful influence in my son's life. She was a great teacher and touched the lives of so many. She will be greatly missed.

Pam Turner - March 20, 2015 at 05:05 PM

SS

“ I would recognize that face and beautiful smile anywhere. Liesa and I went to high school together. I send my deepest condolences to the family. May her love continue to lead you throughout the years.

Sue Sires - March 20, 2015 at 12:44 PM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. I went to both HS and UNI with Liesa... Hugs and prayers to you all. ~ Coleen Francik-Young

coleen francik-young - March 20, 2015 at 11:45 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing, my deepest sympathy.
Dawn Huinker (RFL)

DAWN HUINKER - March 20, 2015 at 10:05 AM

PK

“ Dear Ed, Sarah and Sam - Our hearts ache for all of you over the loss of your beautiful wife and mother. Liesa was always so upbeat, positive and full of life. She was a true blessing to all who knew her. Shane will still tell about how she tried to make him eat squash when she babysat him. In spite of her efforts, he still doesn't eat vegetables. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Hope you find comfort in the great memories of her and knowing that others care.

*With deepest sympathy,
Patty & Don King*

Patty king - March 20, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ Memories - Peaceful Reflections Marker was purchased for the family of Liesa Bailey.



March 20, 2015 at 09:27 AM

ST

“ My dear Sara, my heart is heavy as I compose this to you and your sweet family. Although I never was blessed to know your beautiful mother, she must have been an angel and example to all she knew. .. as you are:) my thoughts and prayers are with you Sara. She had work to do upstairs :) ... Staci. hugs to you

staci taylor - March 20, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ *Dear Sarah,
Jon and I send our deepest sympathy to you
and your entire family at this time. Your mom
was a remarkable woman - what a gift to this
world! May you and your family find peace and
comfort in your memories as you celebrate her
life.
Love and Peace,
Jon and Sandy Montgomery*



Sandy Montgomery - March 20, 2015 at 08:48 AM

DM

“ *Ed: I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. It appears Liesa was a terrific
lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Dixie*

Dixie Makedonski - March 20, 2015 at 08:27 AM

AL

“ *Thoughts and prayer. She was a wonderful teacher, and such a kind
person.*

Alix - March 20, 2015 at 07:54 AM

MK

“ *Mrs. Bailey was my favorite teacher, she always knew how to make
someone feel like accepted and loved the second they walked into
her classroom. She was an amazing person, and she will be forever
missed.
R.I.P Mrs. Bailey
-The Bailey Beasts*

Morgan Kramer - March 20, 2015 at 06:31 AM

JU

“ *What an inspirational teacher, she surely brought joy to all her students.*

Julie - March 19, 2015 at 11:16 PM

JU

“ *Julie lit a candle in memory of Liesa Bailey*



Julie - March 19, 2015 at 11:15 PM

CH

“ *Chris lit a candle in memory of Liesa Bailey*



Chris - March 19, 2015 at 10:35 PM

BR

“ *Brianne lit a candle in memory of Liesa Bailey*



Brianne - March 19, 2015 at 09:02 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Marilynn Buxton lit a candle in memory of Liesa Bailey



Bruce and Marilynn Buxton - March 19, 2015 at 08:52 PM

BB

To all of Liesa's family,

I had the privilege of being one of Liesa's colleagues and friends for 25 years...loved her the moment we met! Just as she did for her students, she encouraged me to go outside my comfort zone in my career, and then supported me! It was completely fun, funny and joyous to share school years together. Her passion and gift for teaching extends well beyond the classroom; however, it is there that she set the stage for many students' successes! There is just nobody like Liesa. Thank you for sharing her with so many. The rug has been pulled out from under us, and we would topple if it weren't for the Lord holding us up and binding us together Hold steadfast to His promises. Praying for you daily.

Bruce and Marilynn Buxton - March 19, 2015 at 09:36 PM

DL

Ed, I am so sorry to hear about Liesa's illness and death. It seems way too soon to us. I'm comforted to know I will see her again when I join her in heaven. I am so glad Liesa agreed to come to Maine with me 1974. I wonder how life would be different. I pray the Lord can bring you some comfort at this time.

Donna Lacy

Donna Lacy - March 21, 2015 at 07:10 PM



“ *Sarah and family-*

I am so glad that I was a student of Mrs Bailey's and had the opportunity to reconnect with her last year! I feel blessed to get to continue enjoying her life through her family! You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this time!
The Tellinghuisen's

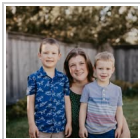
Monica Tellinghuisen - March 19, 2015 at 07:04 PM



“ *Liesa will be greatly missed by so many people. She touched the hearts of everyone that crossed her path. I'm lucky I had the chance to know Liesa! My thoughts and prayers for the family during this difficult time. God bless you all and please hold dear to your heart all the memories you have.*



Nikki Lund - March 19, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ *Ed, Sam, Sarah & Family -*

We are praying for God to surround you with His comfort and love. Liesa's beautiful smile and joyful attitude touched everyone she met with the light of God's love.

In Christ,
Kelly Shepard Valiev & Andre Valiev

Kelly Valiev - March 19, 2015 at 05:33 PM

DW

“ Dear Ed and Family,
My heart goes out to you and your family.
My the Lord Jesus be your support and comfort in the days ahead.

Diane & Roger Woock

Diane Woock - March 19, 2015 at 05:27 PM

BF

“ Dear Ed, Sarah, Sam & Families,

Our hearts go out to you today. May you truly feel God's grace and peace, as you go through the weeks ahead. Liesa touched so many lives for Jesus in her brief life, and now she is glorifying him in his presence. There is no truer picture of love!

In Christian Love & Sympathy,

Bill & Glennis Formwalt - March 19, 2015 at 04:14 PM

JB

“ Sarah,
My thoughts are with you and your family at the loss of your Mother.

My sympathy,

Janet Borseth

Janet Borseth - March 19, 2015 at 03:09 PM

PS

“ *Sara and family,*

Our family hearts are all breaking for you today. Please let us know what we can do for you. Be gentle to your heart and know that God has his arms wrapped around you!
Paula Steimel



Paula Steimel - March 19, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Liesa Bailey.*



March 19, 2015 at 10:50 AM

UU

“ *Ug & the Uglum's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Liesa Bailey.*



Ug & the Uglum's - March 18, 2015 at 05:25 PM