



## Miriam A. Rodby

July 31, 1928 - May 13, 2016

Miriam A. Rodby (1928-2016)

CEDAR FALLS – Miriam A. Rodby, 87, of Cedar Falls, formerly of Waterloo, died Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

She was born July 31, 1928 in Mallard, Iowa, daughter of George and Elinor (Henderson) Steinbron. She married Roy Rodby on June 10, 1950 in Jesup, and they later divorced.

She graduated from Jesup High School in 1946, earned her teaching certificate in 1952, and her BA in Music from the University of Northern Iowa in 1971. She taught elementary school for five years, then for 61 years taught private piano, Suzuki piano, and voice lessons in her home until just a few weeks ago. Her students ranged from three to 70+ years old.

She was a member of Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls, where she served as a deacon. She was Past President of the Northeast Area Music Teachers Association (NAMTA) and LMI (Ladies Musical Improvement) club.

Survived by a son, Michael (Mischel Berg) Rodby of Kihei, HI; a daughter, Barbara (Tom) Hall of Cedar Rapids; two sisters, Helen Welch of Fayette and

Ruth Melles of Rockton, IL; and a brother, Melvin Steinbron of St. Paul, MN.

Preceded in death by three brothers: Maurice, Harold, and Fred Steinbron.

Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church, with inurnment in Garden of Memories Cemetery prior to the service. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

Miriam was a soprano soloist and choir member for several area churches as well as a soloist in the Metropolitan Chorale and other civic organizations. She was a member of the National Music Teachers Association, Iowa Music Teachers Association, and Waterloo Choral Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 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>

## Inurnment

MAY 19. 9:30 AM (CT)

Garden of Memories  
Waterloo, IA  
(319) 233-6136

## Memorial Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church  
2015 Rainbow Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 268-0153  
<http://cedarheightspres.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Miriam A. Rodby.*



May 18, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miriam A. Rodby.*



May 17, 2016 at 11:20 PM



“ *Mrs. Rodby's commitment and dedication in teaching piano to our two sons has been a true gift. She will always hold a special place in our hearts.*  
*The Vallem Family*

**Brad Vallem** - May 17, 2016 at 10:11 PM



“ *Your Unity Church Ohana purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Miriam A. Rodby.*



**Your Unity Church Ohana** - May 17, 2016 at 07:38 PM

ET

“ *Emily Goss and Rev. Blaine Tinsley purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Miriam A. Rodby.*



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**Emily Goss and Rev. Blaine Tinsley** - May 16, 2016 at 10:17 PM

MM

“ *Much Love, Ann & Mark, Bonnie & Joe and Mayla purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Miriam A. Rodby.*



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**Much Love, Ann & Mark, Bonnie & Joe and Mayla** - May 16, 2016 at 06:31 PM

CC

“ *My son, Michael, took piano lessons from Miriam in the 80's (Suzuki). I always just loved her! She was a very dear, dear person. My thoughts & prayers go out to her family. Cindra Landau-Cellini*

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**Cindra Cellini** - May 16, 2016 at 03:02 PM

RG

“ I am so sorry to see Miriam go. She was always such a joy to me! A true supporter of all things music! We connected immediately! She took some piano from me early on in my 26 years here, and I did many master classes for her students at her home. Each time, we would enjoy talking so much afterwards and make promises to get together! I always loved to go out to lunch with the NAMTA group after the Friday a.m. monthly meetings when I could be there. At the end, it would always be Miriam, Mary Miller (also now gone) and me, standing in the lobby and parking lot of Village Inn, unable to say goodbye. We had such fun! Whether at state IMTA conferences, UNI concerts, recitals, and Keyboard Festivals, Miriam was always my pal, a true participator up to the very end. Even spontaneous meetings at Hy-Vee found us immediately latching on, happy for the chance to share once again. I miss her terribly. I am grateful for my times with her. I will always remember the way she said my name! -- her beautiful voice!

*Robin Guy*

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**Robin Guy** - May 15, 2016 at 02:43 PM

JS

“ Miriam was a delightful lady, and I will miss seeing her bright, vivacious face and visiting with her every Sunday at church. She was such a gifted musician with a lovely singing voice which she shared with us at several church services. She and I and Neysa Klepfer were roommates at a church women's retreat where I enjoyed getting to know her better. Our sympathies to her family and legions of friends.

*Joy Schacht*

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**Joy Schacht** - May 15, 2016 at 08:44 AM

AB

“ *Miriam marched to her own wonderful drum. So sorry for the promise of a longer life ending sooner than expected. Prayers to the family.*

*Ann Barry, colleage in piano.*

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**Ann Barry** - May 15, 2016 at 05:24 AM

RR

“ *My dear Aunt Miriam,*

*She was always upbeat, sharing her passion for music and her students. I used to see her frequently as a child and teen, but only through cards and letters the last few years did I really get to know her. She was a delightful woman. I'm so sorry she passed away but like my parents she was happy and lived a long fulfilled life and her life should be celebrated.*

*Rest in peace.*

*roger*

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**Roger Rodby** - May 14, 2016 at 03:25 PM

CO

*I knew Miriam for a very short time. However, at a chance meeting recently we had a nice, but short visit. She was such a gracious lady, and enjoyed life to the fullest. God bless her and her family.*

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**Colleen** - May 16, 2016 at 09:23 AM

DF

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I, my Children and my Grandchildren will miss her very much. These last years she has taught music lessons and they have learned so much and became very close to Aunt Miriam. Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Debbie Frey** - May 16, 2016 at 12:05 PM

GR

*Miriam gave music lessons to my grandsons during the past 10 years. They loved and adored her. She was a great influence on all her students*

*Glenda Riddle*

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**Glenda L Riddle** - May 17, 2016 at 05:08 PM

NC

*Miriam was a lovely person. I will miss her.*

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**Norma Caquelin** - May 19, 2016 at 01:15 PM