



## Miriam Temple

July 5, 1933 - June 6, 2018

Cedar Falls – Miriam Temple, age 84, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, June 6 in Little York, IL as the result of an auto accident.

She was born July 5, 1933 in Waverly, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Herbert and Mildred (Donat) Temple. She graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1951, and received a BA from Cornell College in 1955. She worked as an instructor at Clinton Community College, and after receiving her Masters at age 50, worked as the Coordinator of Adult Education in Iowa Community Colleges for the Department of Education in Des Moines until her retirement at the age of 65. On July 6, 2014, she married Thoburn “Toby” Thompson in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: a son, Greg (Marcia) Dawes of Wake Forest, NC; a daughter, Becky (Mick Patrick) Dawes of Cedar Rapids; Toby’s three daughters, Catherine (Phil) James of Madison, WI, Sarah (Marv) Tonn of Oakdale, MN, and Susan (John) Helgeson of Alexandria, MN; three granddaughters, Keely (Jared Knight) Burke of Iowa City, Amanda Mohan of Raleigh, NC, and Giuliana Dawes of Wake Forest, NC; and Toby’s grandkids, Brian, Matthew, and Amy James of Madison, WI, Keedy and Hattie Tonn of Oakdale, MN, and Toby John, Michael and Sam Helgeson of Alexandria, MN

Preceded in death by: her brother, Philip Temple; two sisters, Lois Hansen, and Ruth Kirkman; and Toby’s son, Ian Thompson.

Funeral services will be 11am Friday, June 15 at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4-7pm Thursday, June 14 at

Richardson Funeral Service, and also one hour prior to the service at church.

Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **14.** 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>

## Burial

JUN **15.** 9:30 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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JUN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
718 Clay Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
<http://aboutfirst.com>

# Tribute Wall

PV

“ So sorry to hear of Miriam's passing. I remember working with her at the Dept. of Education in Des Moines. She was always happy, positive person, & very loving & caring to all she came in contact with. I always felt so good after having lunch with her. I will always cherish the wonderful memories of the visits I had when she lived in Iowa City. I will cherish her warm welcoming smiles. You are in my thoughts & prayers at this trying time.

*Patty Vrban, Melcher, IA*

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**Patty Vrban** - June 14, 2018 at 07:26 AM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Miriam Temple.



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June 13, 2018 at 03:08 PM

KD

“ We send heartfelt sympathy to the families of Miriam and Toby. Our gratitude to you for thoughtfully planning this joint celebration of our friends' lives.

*Here's to you Mims and Toby....A toast to lives well lived! Our lives are better because you were our friends!*

*Love You & with so much more to say,*

*Kathy Youmans Driscoll*

*& Brian Driscoll*

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**Kathy Youmans Driscoll** - June 12, 2018 at 01:57 PM

“ Dear Greg (and Becky)

*Steve relayed the terrible news of the passing of your Mom and her husband to me.*

*I feel so badly for you, your sister, and your extended families.*

*Your mom was such a wonderful, cheerful, person every time I met her, either when we were kids or when my wife and I met her walking around the duck pond when she lived in Urbandale.*

*Such a nice image in the newspaper that was chosen. It brought tears to my eyes this morning, that even not have been able to see you all of these years since college, I can see your face in your Mom's face.*

*I wish I had wise words I could express. Our grief will never leave us completely, because we love our parents that much, but I hope with time it will begin to lessen for you. We can't ever begin to forget the loss, but hopefully after an extended period the best memories that we possess will fight their way back to the forefront of our thoughts and memories.*

*My family is still working though the loss of my Dad this last November.*

*Like it does for everyone, this next weekend with Father's day will hit us all differently at varied levels.*

*There is no right or wrong way to grieve, and there is no timetable either.*

*I do know from my Dad's passing, the pastor knew our being "German" we tend to "hide" our emotions. He empowered us to let it flow and not suppress it. It's natural to be a little angry, too. I hope you can "vent" your grief as a part of that process for your Mom, too.*

*I am sorry if my message is feeble. I always try to walk in the other persons shoes, but I know I can't begin to put a dent in the grief you all have right now.*

*All I can express is how terrible I feel for you right now old friend.*

*Not to sound cliché, you are truly in my prayers to help you through bearing this weight on your heart right now.*

*Butch*

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**Karl "Butch" Ehlers** - June 12, 2018 at 12:22 PM

RF

“ *Ramon Santiesteban Flores purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Miriam Temple.*



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**Ramon Santiesteban Flores** - June 12, 2018 at 08:47 AM

BH

“ *Can't believe these two wonderful people are gone. Our thoughts are with you all.*  
*-Brad and Athena Hansen*

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**Brad Hansen** - June 11, 2018 at 10:01 PM

MS

“ *Greg and Becky, your mom was such an amazing woman and she will be missed. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Love to all of you, Shelly*

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**Michelle A Suessmith** - June 11, 2018 at 03:02 PM

JH

“ I will miss her so much. Her sparkling smile, her sweet laugh.

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**Jaci Hunt** - June 11, 2018 at 08:06 AM

DH

“ Greg and Becky,

*So deeply sorry for your loss--your mother was such a giving and lovely person--she will be missed by all who knew her,*

*Deb Hutcheon*

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**Deborah Hutcheon** - June 10, 2018 at 09:06 PM

ML

“ Dear Greg and Becky, I was so sorry to hear of this tragedy. Miriam and I shared many years and many good times at Clinton Community College, Memories of her sweetness and humor will remain with me forever. In sincere sympathy, Marilyn Lyons

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**Marilyn Lyons** - June 10, 2018 at 09:11 AM