



Ralph M. Goodman

July 8, 1925 - December 14, 2014

Ralph M. Goodman (1925-2014)

CEDAR FALLS- Ralph M. Goodman, 89, of Cedar Falls, died Sunday, December 14, 2014, at NewAldaya Lifescapes, Cedar Falls.

He was born July 8, 1925 in Chicago, Illinois, son of Milton and Bertha Mandel Goodman. He married Harriet Gelfand on January 30, 1955 in North Hollywood, California.

He served in both the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines, after which he taught linguistics at UCLA and UNI. In retirement, he enjoyed a successful career as a massage therapist.

Survived by: his wife, Harriet; three children: Keith of Arlington, TX, Kathy of Madison, WI, and Karen of Cedar Falls; twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

No services are scheduled. Because Ralph loved the sea his ashes will be scattered there. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to the UNI Foundation for the Kaleidoscope program.

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Sorry for your loss, Harriet. And sorry I missed this news until now.*

Matt Reisetter - January 11, 2015 at 06:07 PM

CM

“ *Harriet, I am so sorry to learn of Ralph's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ralph was such an interesting, gentle, man. May you find comfort and peace in the company of friends and family.*

Carolyn Martin - December 26, 2014 at 12:03 PM

KM

“ *Dear Harriet,
I am deeply sorry to hear about your loss. Whenever I saw you at Panera, I knew that you were a special couple. I'll be praying for you.
Kim Miller*

Kim Miller - December 24, 2014 at 08:53 AM

JH

“ *Dear Harriet and family,*

My deep sympathy to you all. Ralph was always a part of my life at UNI and even beyond. A fine colleague for so many years. And even beyond that time, I readily recall seeing you both walking on campus--always an inspiration to be physically fit! With sincere thoughts.

Judy Harrington

Judith Harrington - December 18, 2014 at 02:38 PM

JB

“ Sending you our deepest sympathy , Harriet, Keith, Karen and Kathy. It has been almost 50 years that we have shared with you and Ralph. He was such an inspiration in sharing his many interests and wonder of all things life could bring. We enjoyed seeing the new painting or hearing about the books he was reading. He always encouraged Ray in his music and drama interests. He leaves a special legacy behind.

Jim and Joan Bunkofske

joan bunkofske - December 18, 2014 at 07:27 AM

JS

“ Ralph's kindness and sensitivity live on. His gentle way brought dignity to our lives..We are richer for knowing him and neighboring with him all these years. Our condolences to his loving soul mate, Harriet.



Jim and Rosemarie Skaine

Jim and Rosemarie Skaine - December 17, 2014 at 08:37 PM

JC

“ Ralph was a wonderful man and dear colleague. He was one of my mentors when I first came to the university, and I'll never forget his kindness and support. The grace and dignity he held helped so many -- not just on campus, but everywhere he went. He will be missed -- but never forgotten.

Jeffrey S. Copeland

Jeffrey S. Copeland - December 17, 2014 at 04:35 PM

SC

“ *Condolences to Harriet and children. Ralph was a great man, more of a mystic in his later years who always intrigued me. For years, he was a leader in our book discussion group, 'Oxherders,' and 8 or 10 of us met monthly in the Goodman home on Clay Street. He was always gracious, funny, and extremely intelligent in his curiosity about what lies beyond. I imagine him being quite amazed by it all, and I wouldn't be too surprised to hear from him in some way. He had great faith that such things happened, and seemed to have endless evidence to prove it.*

THANKS for all those good memories, Harriet, since you had to put up with us over the years. Angeleita and I both offer sympathy and wish you well as you grieve.

Scott Cawelti - December 17, 2014 at 02:57 PM

BW

“ *I'm very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. It was always uplifting to meet Ralph and Harriet on their walks through the UNI campus in recent years. Our deepest sympathies to Harriet and family.*

Barry and Jane Wilson

Barry and Jane Wilson - December 17, 2014 at 02:26 PM