



Samuel Nodarse

August 29, 1920 - October 13, 2013

Cedar Falls- Samuel Nodarse, 93 of Cedar Falls died Sunday, October 13, 2013 at Western Home Communities Martin Center.

He was born August 29, 1920 to Juan Francisco and Esther (Fernandez) Nodarse in San Juan y Martinez, Cuba. He married Olga Serra on March 6, 1943 in Matanzas, Cuba.

He received a law degree from the University of Habana, Cuba, and a doctorate in psycholinguistics from the University of Illinois. He worked in education as a professor of Spanish at the University of Northern Iowa for 24 years, retiring in 1988.

He is survived by: his wife, two daughters: Olga (Dr. Raul) Chao, and Xuchitl (Nick) Coso, both of Lakeland, FL; three sons: Samuel (Gaye) of Hemet, CA, Juan (Tammy) of Blue Grass, IA, and Guillermo (Claudia) of Orlando, FL; ten grandchildren: Dr. Raul Chao, Maria Shepherd, Dr. Brynn Nodarse, Alexandra and Nicholas Coso, Jaime and Kyle Nodarse, Kelly Burkett, and Alejandro and Francisco Nodarse; a nephew: Jose Rodriguez; a niece: Esther Shockey; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: his parents; a brother; and two sisters

A memorial mass will be held at 11am Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Cedar Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Western Home Communities Martin Center, or UnityPoint Hospice. Condolences may be left

at richardsonfuneralservice.com

Tribute Wall

NV

“ *To Olga madre, Olga hija, Xuchitl, Sammy, Juan, and Guillo Nodarse.*

Samuel's passing has left a large emptiness in the world. He was my mentor at UNI and clearly he helped me succeed as a Spanish language educator. He was brilliant, kind, very humorous, and steadfastly devoted to his family and friends. What a marvelous life he had.

My wife, Ann, and I wish to extend to all of Samuel's wonderful family our most heart-felt condolences and hope that your vast memories of him will give you consolation.

Un fuerte abrazo para todos.

Nile Vernon

Nile and Ann Vernon - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

NB

“ *Our community has been blessed with such an inspirational leader as Dr. Nodarse. He has made a positive impact in many lives throughout his years. May he enjoy peace in heaven.*

Nancy Bolick

Nancy (LeMieux) Bolick - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

SG

“ Dear Olga and Raul,

We share your profound sadness resulting from the death of your dear father Prof. Samuel Nodarse. Olgui, we realize it is a big loss to you both, your sister and your brothers, and above all, for your mother Olguita, who shared a life of over 70 years with your Dad. Please express to Olguita and the rest of the family, our deepest felt sympathy. Sara and I have been praying and will continue to do so for the soul of Samuel. We are certain that at this moment HE is in a much better place.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE, Sergio & Sara

SERGIO & SARA GARCIA-RANGEL - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

AD

“ To Olga and all the Nodarse family,
My heartfelt condolences in loving memory of a dear and honored friend and teacher. Samuel Nodarse changed my life forever. Alan DeValle

Alan DeValle - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

SW

“ Mrs. Nodarse and Family,
We send our condolences on the passing of your husband and father, Sam. What a legacy he has left as an educator at UNI! We wish your memories of him, help you through this very difficult time.

Sincerely

Susan and Michael Ward - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

TS

“ Guillermo, I'm choosing to celebrate your Dad's life and thankful for all the time you had with him. Thinking of you as well. Peace.

Tim Sulentic - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

KR

“ Dear Nodarses: I was surprised and saddened to hear of Samuel's death. I hope this finds you at peace. God Bless. Kay and family

Kay (Lawson) Roof - December 05, 2013 at 11:23 AM

ML

“ Dear Olga, our deepest sympathies to you and the family on the death of your father. We will have him in our prayers as well as you, asking God to give you strength to accept His Will.
With our love,
Maria and Alfredo

María and Alfredo López - October 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

MC

“ Dear Xuchitl, Olga and family, This is such a hard time. I am lifting you all up and praying for God's loving arms to surround and comfort you at this time. My deepest sympathy.
Marge

Marge Colton - October 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

BB

“ Mrs. Nodarse and family: Our sincere sympathy at this difficult time. I have many memories from those basketball years. I am so sorry that I cannot be there Wednesday. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Bill and Harriet Bader

Bill Bader - October 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

ML

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of such a fine man. I met Sam when I worked for Dr. Ketter in Traer back in the 1980's. I've never forgotten what a fine man he was and have remained in awe of his brilliant mind. God's peace be with you.*

Mary LeClerc - October 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

BR

“ *Dear Nodarse Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wishing each of you peace and comfort in the days ahead.
Warmly,
Brian and Mark Rowe-Barth*

Brian and Mark Rowe-Barth - October 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

BL

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Sam's passing. He was a brilliant man, with a wonderful sense of humor. I considered him a mentor, a teacher and a friend. Most of all, Sam was a family man; he was completely devoted to and adored his wife, his children and his grandchildren. Sam and Olga opened their home and their hearts to their children's friends. I have many warm memories of time spent in their home for a holiday meal or just a lazy Sunday afternoon. I have managed to somewhat keep up on the family, but I regret having lost touch with them over the last several years. They are all wonderful people and Juan is one of the best friends I ever had, but I still don't know how he did it!*

Bill Lorenz - October 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

GK

“ *Our condolences to Olga and her family. He was one of our favorite people and Gary's favorite professor. We'll miss him alot.*

Gary and Linda Kelley - October 15, 2013 at 03:33 PM

SL

“*Dr. Nodarse was a favorite teacher of mine. I will always remember his stories and strong push for all of us to exercise our right to vote in elections based on the oppression he fought in Cuba. Even after all of these years, I share some of his life stories with my Spanish students. We had just finished a study of José Martí and Versos Sencillos last week and I shared some of this incredible teacher I had. Please accept my sympathy at this sad time and know that his legacy continues in the minds of many he has touched and in my case, my students.*

Sally Albright Lennard - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM