



## Shirley Travis Cropper

June 30, 1928 - January 9, 2018

Shirley Travis Cropper (1928-2018)

WATERLOO – Shirley Travis Cropper, 89, of Waterloo died Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Rosewood Estate in Waterloo.

She was born June 30, 1928 in Waterloo, daughter of Ralph and Amy (Verdenburgh) Travis. She married Joseph C. Cropper on October 11, 1951 in Waterloo. He died August 8, 1996.

She graduated from Waterloo West High School, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Scripps College, and a master's degree in Earth Science from the University of Northern Iowa. She was an adjunct faculty member in the Earth Science Department at UNI, teaching "Elements of Weather" and geology labs, retiring in 1993. She also taught private piano lessons in her home.

Survived by: a son, Lee (Mary Pat) Cropper of Silverthorne, CO; a daughter, Amy (Bert Kreitlow) Cropper of Waukesha, WI; five grandchildren: Jessica Loosbrook, Keegan Fitzgerald, Quinn Cropper, Millie and Clara Jo Kreitlow; three great grandchildren, Finnegan and Zoe Loosbrook, McKenna Fitzgerald; nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: a son, Travis John Cropper; and a sister, Maxine Louise Shirley.

No services are being planned at this time. She deeded her body to the University of Iowa Deeded Body Program. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Hartman Reserve Nature Center or Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center c/o UNI Foundation.

Memorial gifts to Hartman Nature Center can be directed to:  
Hartman Reserve Nature Center, "Shirley Cropper" in memo section

Address:

Ed Gruenwald, Director  
Hartman Reserve Nature Center  
657 Reserve Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
<http://www.hartmanreserve.org>

Memorial gifts to Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center can be directed to:

UNI Foundation--GBPAC, "Shirley Cropper" in memo section

Address:

UNI Foundation, Financial Services  
121 Commons  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614  
<http://uni-foundation.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Amy am so sorry to hear about your mom. I had her for Elements of Weather. I learn so much for her. My thoughts and prayer go out to you and the family. Big hug Allison Ketter



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**Allison Ketter** - January 23, 2018 at 02:14 PM

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“ Thinking of you, Amy. Your mom was one cool, sweet, lady. RIP Shirley, you be missed by many. Thanks for many fun memories at your beautiful home. Love, Nola

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**Nola Shepherd** - January 22, 2018 at 06:20 PM