



Sue Wood

June 27, 1944 - December 25, 2025

Lilyan “Sue” Ruth Wood, age 81, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, December 25, 2025, at UnityPoint Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

Sue was born on June 27, 1944, in New York, the daughter of Herman and Ida (Beyea) Happel. She graduated from South High School in Valley Stream, Long Island.

On May 19, 1967, Sue was united in marriage to Robert Wood in Nassau County, New York and raised a son, William. Robert preceded her in death on September 21, 2023.

Sue owned and operated several small graphic design and photography businesses in Connecticut and Florida. She eventually retired in Blairsville, Georgia, where the many close friends she made there became her second family. She and Robert later moved to Iowa to be near her son’s family and to take on her final favorite role as doting grandma. Sue did things her way – which was typically a convoluted version of the right way – but always with determination, generosity, and love for her friends and family. She also loved her cars (buying and selling at least as much as driving them), her cats, and playing games.

Sue is survived by her son, William “Bill” Wood and daughter-in-law Toni

Wood of Cedar Falls; her twin grandchildren, Orson and Tabitha Wood; her brother, George Happel of New Jersey; and her cats, Princess and Toby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother John Happel, and several dozen other cats.

A family-directed celebration of life will be held at a later date, with inurnment in Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ I have many memories of times spent with Sue, her love for people and her generous heart Open many doors. She certainly sparked up our neighborhood and brought many of us together! She will be sorely missed!



Alan and Margaret Jessen - December 31, 2025 at 11:42 PM

JB

“ We were high school friends and have many happy memories of spending time with her and Bob. May she rest in peace.

jane Baxter - December 31, 2025 at 09:11 PM

KC

“ I was so very sorry to hear of Sue's passing! She will be missed at Mallard Point!! I was looking forward to getting to know her and play games with her. She was always so much fun to be around. We had the love of cats in common but I never got a chance to meet Princes and Toby! I will miss Sue!

Kay Clements - December 30, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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“ Sue was our neighbor and we loved her like family. She will be truly missed. My favorite greeting from her when I would call her on the phone was "Hi Sunshine!" Sue brought humor and light into everything she spoke about. Arlene & Steve O'Kane

ARLENE PRATHER-O'KANE - December 29, 2025 at 09:08 PM