



## Virginia E. Nicholas

September 12, 1932 - July 4, 2014

Virginia Efthoxia Nicholas died on July 4, 2014, at NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls.

She was born September 12, 1932, in Cedar Falls, to Nick and Clara Savage Ilax. As a teenager, she worked as an usher at the Regent Theater in Cedar Falls. She married James Nicholas, Sr. in 1950. She was a homemaker for much of her life: taking care of her children, cooking, sewing, and gardening. After all the children were in school, she worked as a teacher's aide at Cedar Heights School for many years.

Virginia was a creative person. She made beautiful paintings and drawings, designed dollhouse furniture, embroidered, and painted wall murals at Cedar Heights School, St. Paul Lutheran Church, and St. John Lutheran Church. She joined the quilting group at St. Paul and helped make many quilts. She loved nature and obtained National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat certification for each home in which she lived. She especially loved birds, and had a special fondness for quails. She also grew many beautiful flowers and provided butterfly habitat. In her later years, she got much joy from her grandchildren and her terrier, Cassie.

Survived by: her husband, James Sr; four daughters, Linnea (Dan) Ulrich of Cedar Falls; Anna Nicholas of Shell Rock, Jean (Kent) Melick of Cedar Falls;

and Mary (Greg) Love of New Hartford; three sons, Jim (Karen) Nicholas Jr of Albuquerque, NM, Ted (Kim) Nicholas and Andy (Cathy) Nicholas both of Denver, IA; six grandchildren: Jenny, Matt, Ethan, Victoria, Lauren and Nicole; one great grandchild, Kalena; two sisters, Bertha (Quentin) Henry and Leona Williams, both of Cedar Falls; two sisters-in-law, Carolyn Ilax of Cedar Falls and Dorothy Nicholas of Waterloo; and a brother-in-law, Fred (DelRita) Nicholas.

Preceded in death by: two sisters, Marie Ravn and Elaine Tessmer; a brother, Jim Ilax; nephews and nieces and beloved terrier, Cassie.

Services: 10:00 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, with burial in Mount Vernon Township Cemetery, rural Cedar Falls.  
Visitation 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt Vernon Township

Cedar Falls, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 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>

## Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2812 Willow Lane  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Nicholas. I was a student at Cedar Heights while she was a teachers aid! She was always a blessing to see. She always made me smile and made sure I was having a good day! Even years later she still gave me gifts! I'm sorry I never really kept in touch with her. She was an amazing woman, and full of such spirit. She will be greatly missed in this world but a fantastic angel from above!! I send my condolences to her family and friends. Such a beautiful woman inside and out!

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**Courtney Olson** - July 08, 2014 at 11:16 PM

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“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I enjoyed getting to know Virginia when she was teacher's aide at Cedar Heights School. (I was a substitute teacher). She had many talents that I never knew about. I know she will be missed.

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**Alice Janssen** - July 06, 2014 at 10:52 PM