



Wanda L. Nielsen

March 11, 1927 - October 29, 2018

Wanda Louise Nielsen, 91 of Cedar Falls, passed away peacefully Monday, October 29, at the Western Home Communities.

She was born March 11, 1927 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, daughter of Frank and Edna (Cummings) Worden. She married Dr. Russell A. Nielsen, June 17, 1950 at the St. John's Episcopal Methodist Church in Davenport, IA.

Mrs. Nielsen attended schools from kindergarten to 12th grade in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, graduating from Davenport High School in May of 1945. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree and teaching certificate at ISTC (now UNI). Before marriage she taught high school English in Brooklyn, IA. She and her husband were long time members of the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. After her husband's retirement from his Cedar Falls optometry practice they lived part time in Estero, Florida and then at the Western Home Communities.

Surviving are her husband Russell, 3 children: Julia Wolf (Kendall) of Casa Grande, AZ, Ronald Nielsen (MaryJo) of Garland, TX, Kristin King (Richard) of Brighton, MI; and 4 grandchildren, Shelby, David, Karen, Kehlyn.

Preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Duard D. Worden.

No services are being planned. Inurnment at a later date in Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls, or the Cedar Falls Public Library.

Wanda had an insatiable desire to keep learning throughout her life. She found every change in life to be a new adventure where new knowledge could be gained and filed away in her active mind. She loved to laugh and to talk with anyone and everyone who had time for a discussion. She believed strongly in the equality of all peoples in this world and that everyone should have the same opportunity to achieve their hopes and dreams. She loved her husband, children, grandchildren, and extended family, and her church and her faith with passion, and she will be missed more than we can ever express.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm feeling shock and sorrow at hearing of Wanda's death. As her college roommate we formed a particular bond. Wanda was a comfortable companion who was not overbearing but ready to be there for me when needed. We lost connection with each other in later years. I wish I had been more diligent in staying in contact. My sympathy to Russ and Wanda's immediate family.*

Ruth VanDenover Kobey

Ruth VanDenover Kobey - November 05, 2018 at 06:01 PM

JA

“ *Dear Nielsen family,*

Wanda was a truly wonderful person and had such a positive outlook on life. I will always appreciate how she and Russ provided years of friendship and support to my parents--both on 9th Street and at the Western Home villas. My condolences to all of you. Joel Alter

Joel Alter - October 31, 2018 at 01:11 PM

GS

Thinking and praying for Dad and each of you during this difficult time. Mom was a very special lady. Always so kind and gracious to me. Having a daughter who shares her Grandmother's name is a very special blessing. I know I'm a better person having know Mom and having her as part of my life.

Garry Swords - November 01, 2018 at 07:46 AM

JT

Wanda & Russ wete our first friends at Riverwoods. We spent a lot time together in those Fl. Years. They helped me through the loss of my husband. I sm so saddened to hear of her passing. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Joan Thompson - November 05, 2018 at 05:10 PM



My friendship with Wanda goes back to ISTC days and extends through our many years here in Cedar Falls. She was a great addition to many causes and activities, A gracious lady. Margaret Willoughby

Margaret Willoughby - November 06, 2018 at 09:10 AM