



## Mary Ann "Mia" Spooner

October 3, 1931 - December 14, 2023

Mary Ann "Mia" Solvejg (Sornson) Spooner passed away on December 14, 2023.

She is survived by her daughters Alice (Shannon) Kramer and Andrea (Dan) Stromsland; six grandchildren, Matthew, Breanna and Dylan Kramer, Rachel Stromsland (Steve) Jones, Alyssa and Brooke Stromsland; and great-grandchildren, Lilah and Micah Jones. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 56 years, Donald W. Spooner.

Mary Ann was the only child of Palma and Charles Sornson. She was born on the family farm in Audubon County, Iowa, on October 3, 1931. She attended Grand View College in Des Moines, IA, and made a name for herself when classmates realized she was an excellent dancer, and she ended up teaching many of the girls in her freshman dorm how to dance. After college, she spent several wonderful years working as the lead secretary to the President of Grand View College and helping teach a folk dancing troupe. She then attended a Danish Folk High School in Hillerod, Denmark, where she learned about her Danish heritage and became fluent in speaking Danish. Upon returning from Denmark, she accepted a position for the Lutheran Campus Ministries in Madison, WI. On November 14, 1964, Mia's roommate, Donna Ellefson (Fortney), set her up on a blind date with Don Spooner, and they were married the following year on August 14, 1965. Mia was an active

member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest where she sang in the choir, played handbells, participated in various women's Bible studies, and volunteered weekly sorting donations in the rummage room. She loved to travel and enjoyed many summers relaxing at her cabin in the mountains outside Glacier National Park in Montana.

A Memorial Service will be held at 4 PM on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, 700 N. Sheridan Road, Lake Forest. Info – Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## First Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden

700 N. Sheridan Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 4. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Mia was a good friend. We worked together at Clark Associates for several years. We enjoyed good times at their house in Lake Forest. Both Alice and Andrea bring wonderful memories of them and their families. It was a wonderful time we had together. I have missed her.

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**Jane Beals** - December 18, 2024 at 05:14 PM

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“ Mia and Don welcomed us as we were new to the area; we became good friends that lasted even after we moved away 30 years later. We shared many outings and meals together; special memories are antique hunting, helping Mia with Christmas cookie making and the day the twins came home! Dave and Suzy

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**Dave and Suzy Shaub** - January 04, 2024 at 02:19 PM

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“ Mary Ann and Mr.Spooner were the highlight of my senior bus rides. We would share all the craziness i did in high school! She was a beautiful woman. He was the best lake forest high school teacher. My love goes out to their family. Kisses Squirrel

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**shirley coppi** - December 21, 2023 at 02:17 PM