



Alice Mary Vollmar

May 14, 1940 - February 19, 2025

Alice M. Vollmar

Alice Mary Speakman Vollmar was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on May 14, 1940. She grew up on a farm in Northwestern Iowa. She graduated from Galva Consolidated School and attended the University of South Dakota and the University of Utah. She graduated from Metropolitan State University in Minneapolis with a B.A. in journalism.

She married Craig Vollmar from Holstein, Iowa on January 31, 1960. The couple moved for Craig's job which took them to Utah, Houston and New York. They eventually settled in Minnesota where they raised their six children.

Alice loved writing and became a successful travel writer. She published numerous articles in various travel magazines. She also published travel guide books and collaborated with Otis Hahn to tell his gold mining stories. She was also a featured writer for Twins Magazine. She was a long time member of Common Ground Meditation Center. Alice especially appreciated her 33 years of sobriety. She loved spending time with family and friends.

Alice was predeceased by husband, Craig Vollmar; parents, Ella and Ralph Speakman; grandchild, Joshua Sunderman; and brother, John Speakman. She is survived by her six children, Jill Vollmar, Frank Vollmar, Amy (Chuck) Sunderman, Meg (Jerry) Mumper, Bob (Vanessa Ramirez-Vollmar) Vollmar, and Alyssa Record; and 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She is also survived by her sister-in-law and nieces.

Graveside service at a later date. Service to be held Thursday, February 27th

at 3pm with visitation one hour prior at:

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5000 W 50th & HWY 100

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of Alice's passing. Although I hadn't seen her much in recent years, I will always remember her and am so grateful for the impact she had on my writing life. I was a novice writer and a young mom when I came to Penn Lake Writers Group, which Alice established and ran for 25 years, in the early 2000s. Over the 15-or-so years I was involved with the group, Alice showed me--through commenting on my manuscripts and by example--how to write better. She rejoiced with my publishing successes and encouraged me to keep submitting when I experienced rejection. Along the way, I got to know her as she shared and wrote about her life, her childhood, her travels, her kids (we both had twins), Craig's illness, her love of the gladioli her son would bring her, and many other things. I'm so glad I got to attend her book reading when a friend helped her put her poetry in book form a few years ago. I looked up to Alice as a mentor and a friend and as an example of how to live fully and age gracefully. I will miss her. Sending warm thoughts to her family.

Sara Matson - December 01, 2025 at 04:00 PM

RI

“ Alice was my soulmate. We met the summer of 1958 when we worked that summer at Flathead Lake Lodge in Montana. We visited in one another's homes, mine in Indiana and Alice's in Minneapolis as well as the farm where she grew up. Through the years, Alice, Chris Jeffres, Sarah Rah and I celebrated reunions, the most recent - our 60th in 2018. I loved Alice - her wit, her talents, her smile, her laugh, her strength.

Ruth Ann Ingraham - May 13, 2025 at 05:46 PM

KU

“ Remembering Alice fondly, I have only now discovered her passing. She was a dear friend of my sister’s, Karol Toso. Karol passed away one week before Alice, 12 February. Loving prayers for peace & comfort.



Karen Unterseher - March 29, 2025 at 09:06 AM

JG

“ Julie G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Mary Vollmar.

Julie G. - March 02, 2025 at 09:10 AM

MB

“ Alice will be missed and her wisdom treasured by all of us who encountered her gracious presence in the Common Ground Sangha. 💕🙏💕

Mary Benson - February 28, 2025 at 11:08 AM

TT

“ The Northern Trust Compliance Team purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Alice Mary Vollmar.



The Northern Trust Compliance Team - February 26, 2025 at 05:04 PM

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The Northern Trust Compliance Team - February 26, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Alice Mary Vollmar.



February 26, 2025 at 10:50 AM

KO

“ Browsing the obituaries I recognized the last name. Back in the 80s I worked with an Amy Vollmar at a home improvement store at 56th and Chicago in Minneapolis. The good old days. Not sure if this is the same Amy Vollmar but either way I am sorry for your loss. Kevin O.

Kevin O. - February 25, 2025 at 07:59 PM