



## Janice Ledingham Sjordal

February 16, 1925 - November 5, 2021

Janice Ledingham Sjordal

Age 96, of Minnetonka, passed away peacefully on November 5th, 2021. Preceded in death by beloved husband, Julian (Jules), parents, Alexander and Ethel Ledingham, and son, Craig. Jan is survived by her daughter Lynn (Brian) Weist.

Jan was born in Duluth, MN and graduated from Duluth Central HS. She attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth and was a member of UMD's first graduating class. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry and received her Master's Degree in Chemistry from the University of IL.

Jan worked at Mallinckrodt Chemical, St. Louis, MO, as a bench chemist at a time when women working in chemistry were few and far between. After her son Craig graduated from high school Jan returned to chemistry and worked as the Chemistry department aide at Minnetonka High School. She assisted the teaching staff, preparing chemistry experiments. She enjoyed this role and the interaction with teachers and students alike.

Jan married the love of her life, Julian, in 1952. Throughout their life together they enjoyed many activities together: golf, tennis, dancing playing bridge and cross-country skiing with friends. They enjoyed family vacations and weekend

ski trips with their children Lynn and Craig. In retirement they continued to enjoy travel and golf; they volunteered at the U of M Landscape Arboretum for many years, making many good friends along the way.

Jan was a wonderful mom, serving as a Scout leader, music lesson chauffer and homework coach extraordinaire. She was always ready to hear our after-school updates and was there to listen when we wanted to talk. Jan was a long time member of the American Association of University Women-Minneapolis Branch and regular attendee at its evening meetings.

In her last years Jan was an avid reader, always looking forward to her next book. She stayed in touch with family and friends through phone conversations and visits. She was always ready for a cup of tea and a chat. Jan was a woman of quiet strength and she cared deeply for others. Her love and concern for family and friends showed in everything she did. Jan made many dear friends on her journey through life.

Funeral service Thursday, November 18th, 11 AM at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 715 Minnetonka Mills RD, Hopkins, MN 55343, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Private interment at Ft. Snelling Nat'l Cemetery immediately following the service. Church livestream address:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jbAnsPnV48>

Memorials preferred to Gethsemane Lutheran Church, U of M Landscape Arboretum, or Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Hopkins)  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Church Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church (Hopkins)  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road  
Hopkins, MN 55343

## Graveside Service

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450



# Tribute Wall



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Janice Ledingham Sjordal.*



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November 14, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *Hi Lynn - I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I lost my Mom (Joyce Benson) last year, and I know what a hole it leaves in your heart. I remember your family fondly from our days living in Sylvan Hills in Fridley. I was always so amazed that our Moms kept in contact long after you left Fridley, and I have kept up with your joys and sorrows over the years through their correspondence. Your Mom was such a good person, who made a lasting impact on many she came in contact with over the years. Wishing you peace and love at this difficult time. Janet (Benson) Shockley*

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**Janet (Benson) Shockley** - November 14, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Texas Cousins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janice Ledingham Sjordal.*



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**Texas Cousins** - November 13, 2021 at 11:14 AM