



## Jeanne Luoma Swope

September 29, 1945 - October 25, 2023

Jeanne Luoma Swope passed away peacefully on October 25th, 2023, at age 78, after a long illness. She was a reader, a writer and an artist, a student of Finnish, a beloved sister, mother and grandmother, and a good friend. She will be deeply missed.

Born in Virginia, Minnesota on September 29, 1945, she moved to Minneapolis after winning a scholarship to attend the University of Minnesota, where she eventually earned a Masters degree in anthropology. She married and had three children: Maura, Christopher, and Lia. Later she worked as an editor for Continuing Education courses at the University, and attended courses in creative writing and Finnish, as well as joining artistic retreats where she practiced drawing and painting. After her retirement, she became deeply involved with the Finnish American Cultural Activities organization of Minnesota, serving in various roles and editing their newsletter until her illness made it too difficult to participate.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Reino and Ina Luoma, and her sister, Mary Betty Luoma. She is survived by her children, Maura (Chris) Batson, Christopher Swope, and Lia (Jeff) Mitchell; her grandsons, Jackson and Cooper Batson; her sister Phyllis (Ross) Kiihn and brothers Roger (Jan) Luoma and Wayne (Karleen) Luoma; as well as numerous cousins and nieces.

We are having a small service and visitation at the Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Chapel starting at 1:00 on Thursday, November 2. In lieu of flowers, we are asking that you consider a donation to the Friends of the Hennepin County Library or to Finnish American Cultural Activities.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Memorial Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jeanne Luoma Swope.



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October 31, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeanne Luoma Swope.

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“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jeanne Luoma Swope.



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October 30, 2023 at 03:53 PM



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“ To Jeanne's Family we would all like to send our sympathies to all of you. We are Jeanne's cousins Carol Potocnik, Joleen Grosze and Arne Luoma.

*it has been many years since we have seen any of you. However we did get to visit with your Mother at a few of the Luoma cousins reunions.*

*Your Mom was a very sweet and kind and talented person she will be missed by all You are all in our thoughts and prayers*

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**Carol Potocnik** - October 29, 2023 at 02:32 PM

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*I went to the University of Minnesota with your mom in the 60's. We lived at Sanford Hall for awhile before she moved into an apt. She was interested in anthropology. Remembered her as a nice, friendly, smart woman. Janet Runke Thompson.*

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**Janet Thompson** - October 30, 2023 at 10:14 PM

 Lia Mitchell

*Thank you, Carol, Joleen and Arne! And thank you, Carol!*

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**Lia Mitchell** - November 02, 2023 at 09:02 AM