

Ronda Kay Spiroff, 55, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on October 17, 2025. Born July 24, 1970, in Duluth, Minnesota, she was the youngest daughter of the late Ronald and Karen Bartlett.

Ronda built a life filled with love, laughter, and purpose. Through each move during her husband's military career, she formed lasting friendships and left her mark on every community. She was a devoted wife, mother, teacher, and friend—known for her kindness, humor, and the way she made everyone feel valued.

Ronda earned degrees in Nursing and Education, including a Master's in Reading Specialization from Old Dominion University. Her teaching career spanned Minnesota, Wisconsin, Puerto Rico, Maryland, California, and Virginia, where she most recently served as Reading Specialist at E.W. Chittum Elementary. She guided students with compassion, creativity, and unwavering belief in their potential.

Beyond the classroom, Ronda poured her heart into family, Scouting, and her passion for golden retrievers. As a Den Mom, Sea Scout leader, and founding member of the Lower James River Golden Retriever Club, she shared her joy, leadership, and spirit of service wherever she went.

Ronda's radiant smile, generous heart, and steadfast love touched everyone she met. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Trent; children Gregory (Gem), Kaylea (Conner), and Mason (Ashley); grandchildren Charlotte and Patrick; sisters Rene (Robert) and Tracy (Phil); and countless friends, colleagues, and loved ones.

Her light continues to shine in the hearts of all who knew her.

Celebration of the Life of Ronda Spiroff



October 31st, 2025
Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, MN



This Bridge by Shel Silverstein

This Bridge will only take you halfway there
 To those mysterious lands you long to see:
 Through Gypsy camps and swirling Arab fairs
 And moonlit woods where unicorns run free.
 So come and walk awhile with me and share
 The twisting trails and wondrous worlds I've known.
 But this bridge will only take you halfway there—
 The last few steps you'll have to take alone.

Gathering Music

Ian Connell

Welcome

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Nightingale Tribute

Kathie Siemsen and
Nurses Honor Guard

Congregational Prayer

Eternal God, in whom deep speaks to deep and yearning meets with yearning, touch our hearts. May we know your presence among us as we give thanks for a life of loving service. Grant us comfort as we grieve, joy in the life we have shared, and hope which endures beyond the grave. Hear our prayer. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Selected verses from John 14

Family Remembrance

Cheryl Burbul

From a Friend

Ronda, Lisa Shull

Daneen Bellefeuille

Medley of Sunshine Songs

**You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.
 You make me happy when skies are gray
 You'll never know dear, how much I love you,
 Please don't take my sunshine away.**

Family Remembrance

Derek Burbul

Family Remembrances

Trent, Gregory
and Kaylea Spiroff

Music

Close to You, The Carpenters

Scripture Readings

Matthew 19:13-15
Colossians 3:12-14

Homily

Rev. Charlotte Frantz

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Prayer of our Savior

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Commendation

Song

Oh When the Saints

**Oh when the saints go marching in,
 Oh when the saints go marching in,
 Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the saints go marching in.**

**Oh when the sun begins to shine,
 Oh when the sun begins to shine,
 Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
 When the sun begins to shine.**

Benediction

Recessional Music