



## Elva Jane "Mamo" Head

November 24, 1938 - April 23, 2026

Elva Jane "Mamo" Head, 87, fell asleep in Jesus on April 23, 2026, peacefully at her residence. Elva was born on Thanksgiving Day in rural Henry on November 24, 1938, to William and Darlene (Vincent) Spicer.

At five years old she attended a one-room schoolhouse. Elva was baptized in a creek south of Sparland. She graduated from Sparland High School in 1956 at 17 years old and immediately moved to Peoria for employment.

Elva's first employer was Illinois Retail Farm Equipment where she was a bookkeeper for five years. She then went to State Farm Insurance Agency's district office as an office manager and bookkeeper. Later she was employed by Penn Mutual Insurance Company, holding the same position. In 1971, Elva started at the Kickapoo Council of Girl Scouts as an office manager and worked there for 30 years. She retired as the Fund Development and Property Manager, doing whatever was necessary to support the Council.

She loved her family farm and was proud of her country roots. The work ethics taught as a farm girl stayed with her throughout her life.

Elva enjoyed her family and cherished spending time with her daughter and son-in-law. She was fond of traveling via motorcycle with her brothers. Her hobbies were crafts, sewing, and playing a variety of card games.

Elva leaves behind her loving daughter Vickie (Donald) Fleming, her brother, William "Bill" (Betty) Spicer, and sister-in-law, Donna Spicer, three grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

Elva was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Russell Spicer.

Elva was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria, IL where services will be held on May 21, 2026. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am with a Memorial Service directly following at 11:00 am. Pastor Matthew Synnott will be officiating. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held directly after the Memorial Service at Trinity Lutheran.

A private interment will be at a later date at Sparland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions and donations can be granted to Vickie for memorial gardens with personalized benches.

Condolences and memories may be shared on our website at [SchmidtHaller.com](http://SchmidtHaller.com).

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
135 NE Randolph Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61606  
<http://www.trinitypeoria.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Elva was such a dear sister in Christ. It was my honor and sheer joy to bring her God's Word and Holy Communion. She welcomed me into her home and I always walked away filled up with joy. Thank you Father in Heaven for this time, thank you for redeeming her in the blood of Jesus. May the light of Christ's resurrection give comfort and hope to Elva's dear family. Amen*

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**Rev. Matthew Synnott** - April 27 at 08:40 PM