Norma J. Spooner, 93, of Grinnell, died on Monday, February 29, 2016, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell with Rev. Len Eberhart officiating. Organist will be Juli Bey. Casket Bearers will be Nathan Ahrens, Joel Ahrens, Christopher Wray, Philip Carlisle, Paige Carlisle, Molly Wray Stark, Matthew Wray, Rachel Ahrens and Abby Ahrens. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the St. Francis Manor Activity Fund or to PALS and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

Norma was born on August 23, 1922, in Atkin, Minnesota to Carl and Helen Hartman Lindblom. She was raised in Atkin and later moved to Barnes City with her family. She attended public school in Barnes City and graduated from Barnes City High School. On July 22, 1939, she was married to William "Bill" Spooner in Milan, Missouri. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm south of Grinnell. She was a homemaker and mother of five daughters but also worked as a certified nurse's aide at the former St. Francis Hospital in Grinnell. Prior to her retirement she worked in the office at the Miracle Recreation Company.

Norma was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Trinity Circle of the church and the Chester Royal Grange. She enjoyed traveling, wintering in Texas, gardening, caring for her pets and hosting family meals.

Survivors include her four daughters, Carol (James W.) Ahrens of Grinnell, Jo (Larry) Wray of Grinnell, Christina Shiman of Burnsville, MN and Pamela Carlisle of Fort Worth, TX; five grandchildren, Nathan Ahrens, Joel Ahrens, Christopher Wray, Philip Carlisle and Paige Carlisle; four great grandchildren, Molly Wray Stark, Matthew Wray, Rachel Ahrens and Abby Ahrens, one great granddaughter, Emerson Stark; one sister, Marie Shoey of Oskaloosa; and two brothers, Kenneth (Linda) Lindblom of Marshalltown and Gordon (Florence) Lindblom of Barnes City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Patricia Lynne Franke; two grandsons, Michael Franke and James David Ahrens; and her infant brother, Donald Ray Lindblom.