



Birgit Ingrid Lundqvist

January 31, 1939 - August 16, 2026

Duluth, Minnesota

Birgit Ingrid Lundqvist died in Duluth on August 16, 2026. She was 87. Born on January 31, 1939, with Swedish-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She counted ore tickets in wind that came off the lake like a verdict. A wool scarf outlasted winters; dockworkers tipped their caps because she never shorted a shift. Colleagues still mention a wool scarf that outlasted winters.

She married Erik in 1966. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Erik died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Duluth, among streets she never needed to explain. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

Services

A memorial gathering in Duluth with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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