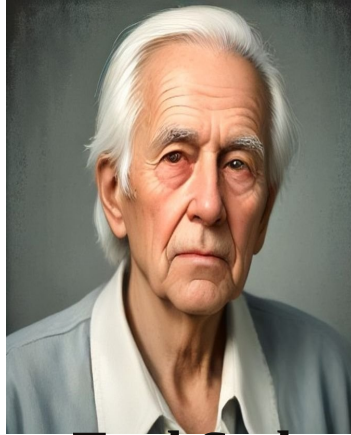




George Earl Soderstrom

December 9, 1938 - August 15, 2026

Norfolk, Virginia

George Earl Soderstrom died in Norfolk on August 15, 2026. He was 87. Born in Norfolk on December 9, 1938, with Swedish-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He painted hulls that would leave without him. A paint-spattered scarf held his hair; the yard learned he showed up early. Colleagues still mention a paint-spattered scarf for his hair.

He married Ruth in 1962. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Ruth died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Norfolk, among streets he never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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