



Gladys Irene Farnsworth

September 12, 1939 - August 14, 2026

Fairbanks, Alaska

Gladys Irene Farnsworth died in Fairbanks on August 14, 2026. She was 86. Born in Fairbanks on September 12, 1939, with Midwest 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 logged cargo that left for villages with names longer than the runway. A clipboard that never left the hangar was her map of trust. Colleagues still mention a clipboard that never left the hangar.

She married Harold in 1965. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Harold died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Fairbanks, among streets she never needed to explain. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

Services

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

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