



Kirsti Marie Solbergs

January 23, 1945 - August 22, 2026

Spokane, Washington

Kirsti Marie Solbergs died in Spokane on August 22, 2026. She was 81. Born on January 23, 1945, with Norwegian-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 marked boards with chalk that meant money. A stick in her pocket decided grades; fairness kept the mill from arguing with itself. Colleagues still mention a chalk stick for marking boards.

She married Bjorn in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Bjorn died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Spokane, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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