



## Kirsti Marie Underwood

*October 3, 1945 - August 22, 2026*

Tacoma, Washington

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Kirsti Marie Underwood died in Tacoma on August 22, 2026. She was 80. Born on October 3, 1945, raised among Norwegian-American manners that never needed a speech. 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 1967. 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 covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Tacoma, among streets she never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

### Services

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

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