



Lydia Carmen Fitzpatrick

November 14, 1953 - August 15, 2026

Chicago, Illinois

Lydia Carmen Fitzpatrick died in Chicago on August 15, 2026. She was 72. Born in Chicago on November 14, 1953, into a Irish-Mexican household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She drove routes that were also neighborhoods. A transfer punch worn smooth marked years; riders knew her by the way she waited for the elderly. Colleagues still mention a transfer punch worn smooth.

She married Hector in 1979. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Hector 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 Chicago, among streets she never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

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

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