



Lydia Carmen Gutierrez

April 9, 1953 - September 2, 2026

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Lydia Carmen Gutierrez died in Sioux Falls on September 2, 2026. She was 73. Born in Sioux Falls on April 9, 1953, raised among Mexican-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She balanced books in green ink that did not forgive fiction. Farmers trusted her totals; she trusted coffee and early mornings. Colleagues still mention a ledger with green ink totals.

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 someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Sioux Falls, among streets she never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

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

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