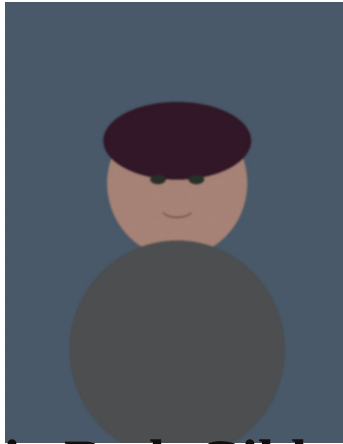




## Patricia Beth Gildersleeve

*March 18, 1947 - July 9, 2025*

Lincoln, Nebraska

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On July 9, 2025, Patricia Beth Gildersleeve died at home in Lincoln. She was 78. Born in Lincoln on March 18, 1947, into a Slovak-American household that treated work as a language. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She oiled gates that argued with river and schedules. A lock gate oil rag on a hook outlasted two captains. Colleagues still mention a lock gate oil rag on a hook.

She and Kenneth married in 1971 and raised three children without needing an audience. After Kenneth's death in 2018, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a shovel borrowed and returned sharper. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Lincoln, among streets she never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

### Services

A quiet remembrance in Lincoln. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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