



Karin Birgitta Sandberg

January 23, 1934 - December 16, 2025

Karin Birgitta (Hirn) Sandberg, a cherished mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on December 16, 2025, in Rockville, Maryland. She was 91. Born on January 23, 1934, in Berlin, Germany, she grew up in Uppsala, Sweden, before spending most of her adult life in Rockville.

Karin graduated from high school in Uppsala and then got her degree in physical therapy in Lund, Sweden. She worked as a physical therapist in Uppsala before becoming a homemaker. Karin moved from Sweden to the U.S. twice with her young family in the space of five years. The second time in 1970, she stayed. But Karin never forgot her Swedish roots and continued to stay close with and visit her family and friends back home. Her greatest joy was spending her summers in Sweden with extended family at the family country house.

Karin was also a keen photographer with an eye for detail. She had her own darkroom where she meticulously developed her photographs, which won many amateur competitions. She also loved gardening, berry picking, and taking long walks in nature.

Karin is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and a brother. She is survived by her three children, Tina (Marc) Forster, Lars Sandberg, and

Staffan (Sue) Sandberg; her four grandchildren, Sara, Jenny, Julia, and Jakob; and three great-grandchildren. Karin's spirit will live on in their hearts and in the stories they share.

Per her wishes, Karin's family will celebrate her life in private. She will be deeply missed.