



## Birgitta Sanders

June 1, 1935 - March 15, 2026

Obituary is pending. Funeral Mass details are below.

# Previous Events

## Mass

MAR **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Cathedral  
108 N Dithridge St  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(412) 621-2134

# Tribute Wall

“*Birgitta Sanders (née Michelsson) was born in Sweden on June 1, 1935. Possessed of a spirited and adventurous nature, she traveled to the United States as a young woman to work as an au pair in New York City. After an initial placement proved unsuccessful, she joined another family and began a new chapter in her life.*

*Before coming to America, Birgitta had corresponded with a pen pal named Donald. Learning that she was now in the United States, Donald suggested they meet. What began as a friendship soon blossomed into a lifelong love. Birgitta and Donald married and celebrated their honeymoon by traveling across Europe by train, creating memories that would remain dear to them throughout their lives.*

*Birgitta and Donald made their home in Pittsburgh, where they raised their beloved son, Krister Harald. Birgitta adored her son and took great pride in her family. She had a lifelong love of animals, especially cats and dogs, and found great joy in the companionship they brought.*

*The family settled in Squirrel Hill, a community Birgitta cherished. She worked for the Pittsburgh Public Schools in an administrative role, where her responsibilities included preparing suspension notices and communicating with parents, among many other duties. She approached her work with diligence, professionalism, and care.*

*A devoted Catholic, Birgitta found strength and comfort in her faith and enjoyed attending St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. Following the loss of her husband, Donald, in 1994, and later her beloved son, Krister, in 2016, her faith remained an important source of comfort and resilience.*

*In later years, Birgitta moved from her longtime Squirrel Hill home to an apartment in Upper St. Clair, where she maintained an active lifestyle. She especially enjoyed her daily walks with her cherished beagle, Lexi, whose companionship brought her great happiness.*

*Birgitta passed away peacefully on March 15, 2026, at the age of 90. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and her son, Krister. She will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, deep devotion to family, steadfast faith, love of animals, and the kindness she showed throughout her life.*

*She is now reunited with those she loved and missed so dearly.*

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**Morna Pollock** - June 04 at 10:24 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Birgitta Sanders*.



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March 20 at 01:51 PM



“ *Susanne Roos* lit a candle in memory of *Birgitta Sanders*



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**Susanne Roos** - March 19 at 03:57 AM