



Gunn Skoog

May 27, 1934 - October 18, 2025

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Gunn Skoog, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully in the early hours of October 18, 2025, at the age of 91.

Gunn was born on May 27, 1934, in Jarkvissle, Sweden, to her loving parents, Hanna Katarina Hedin and Johan Helmer Johansson. She grew up surrounded by the beauty of the Swedish countryside, where she developed a lifelong love of nature, gardening, and simple living.

While living in Sweden, Gunn became pen pals with an American soldier, John Roger Skoog, who was serving in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1956 and stationed in Germany. After completing his service, John traveled to Sweden to connect with relatives — and to finally meet his pen pal in person. The two met in Stockholm, and it was love at first sight.

In January 1957, Gunn and John arrived together in New York, beginning their life in the United States. They were married shortly afterward on March 1, 1957, in Barry, Minnesota, beginning a lifelong partnership built on love, laughter, and faith.

Their spiritual journey deepened in 1966, when Gunn and John embraced the Bahá'í Faith, dedicating their lives to the principles of unity, peace, and service

to humanity. Shortly thereafter, they moved as Bahá'í pioneers to Vineland, Minnesota, where they worked to share and live the teachings of their faith. In 1973, they made their home in Onamia, Minnesota, where they raised their son and became cherished members of the community.

Gunn was the devoted mother of their only son, Kent Skoog, and the proud grandmother of three grandsons: Jeremy, Andrew, and Daniel Skoog, six great grandsons, and one great granddaughter. Her family was her greatest joy, and she filled their lives with warmth, tradition, and unconditional love.

She is survived by her twin sister and dearest friend, Sonja Stark (Kjell), and many nieces and nephews in Sweden. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John R. Skoog, daughter in law, Marsha Skoog, and her siblings, Lisbeth (Anna Elisabeth Kindahl) (Sven-Erik), Else Marie Arlevind (Bengt), Gunborg Pettersson (Torsten), Folke Johansson, Stig Johansson, and niece, Yvonne Stark.

Gunn will be remembered for her kind heart, gentle humor, and her many passions. She loved spending time in her garden, writing letters to many pen pals, and family, cooking for family and friends, creating intricate beadwork, solving crossword puzzles, reading, and listening to Swedish music and television that kept her close to her homeland.

Her life was a beautiful blend of Swedish roots and American dreams — a story of love that crossed oceans, of faith that guided her steps, and of a woman who built a home filled with warmth, laughter, and devotion.

A service to celebrate Gunn's life will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Interment will take place at 11:30 a.m. at the Onamia Veterans Cemetery in Onamia, followed by a short service, and fellowship at Bethany Lutheran Church in Onamia.

“O thou beloved of the Lord!

The world is but a show, vain and empty, a mere nothing bearing the semblance of reality. Set all thy hope in God, and trust Him alone.

Let your heart be filled with the love of God — a love that is eternal and never ceases.”

— ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

Cemetery Details

Onamia Veterans Cemetery

125th avenue
onamia, MN 56359

Previous Events

Committal Service

OCT **21**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ When I was in 5th grade, I was Mr. Skoog's student. I live not too far from he and Mrs. Skoog, Gunn. I visited them alot, Mr. Skoog wanted me to be a teacher. I would listen to Gunn tell me about Sweden, her siblings especially her twin. I enjoyed that year so much spending time with John & Gunn. They loved their son to the deepest part of their hearts & souls. As I got older, I often wished for a marriage the John & Gunn's marriage, my second time around, I finally found my love. I am happy that Gunn is sitting with John in their chairs, together again. ❤️

5th grader all grown up. - October 25, 2025 at 10:06 PM

“ Our quarter century of friendship with Gunn goes back to the start of this century, January 2000. Malcolm and I conducted weekly interfaith meetings in St. Cloud, MN, through the Center for Interfaith Encounter (CIE) which we co-founded.

Gunn and John Skoog, both ardent members of the Baha'I Faith, were then living in Little Falls, MN. They were among a small bunch of people who never missed a single CIE meeting at the Newman Center, on St. Cloud State University campus. The Skoogs soon moved to Onamia, MN.

After John passed in June 2001, Gunn continued her friendship, inviting us to Onamia. We sometimes spent nights with her enjoying her hospitality and open hearted spirituality. We brought her to our place in St. Cloud for a couple nights. Gunn particularly enjoyed Mariani's spicy S. Asian Indian rice. We never failed to relish her freshly made Swedish butter cookies. Sometimes Kent and Marsha joined us in Gunn's home for a potluck.

And so the decades passed. Gunn was always very proud of her growing family, her three grandsons and their spouses, and great grandchildren. She taught us to recognize them by name through their photographs. Gunn fondly related many an anecdote that brought a smile to our lips and often enough a belly laugh. She also spoke warmly of her twin sister back in Sweden.

When Gunn finally moved to Lake Song Assisted Living, we continued to visit with her quite often. We last met Gunn on 10th September last month in the Nursing home heavily masked. Mariani asked Gunn if she recognized Malcolm and Mariani. She immediely replied, "Of course I recognize you!"

Goodbye, dear Gunn. We miss you, our dear friend. Enjoy the precious company of your beloved husband John, your loving daughter-in-law Marsha, and all your friends and family members who went ahead of you to their heavenly reward.

Mariani Nazareth - October 19, 2025 at 09:58 PM

BF

So beautifully said. I was a neighbor of Gunn's for many years in Onamia. We shared many Swedish Coffee Chats at her house. She was my dear friend❤️

Beverly Fite - October 23, 2025 at 05:56 PM

BK

“ *Beatrice Kingbird lit a candle in memory of Gunn Skoog*



Beatrice Kingbird - October 19, 2025 at 02:25 PM

PM

“ *I knew Gunn many years ago. She was our neighbor, her and her husband. What a friendly couple! RIP Gunn!*

Patty Mallak - October 18, 2025 at 03:48 PM

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“ *Patty Mallak lit a candle in memory of Gunn Skoog*



Patty Mallak - October 18, 2025 at 03:45 PM