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“Eric R. Lund, a newspaperman whose innate decency matched his journalistic acumen, died Jan. 16 at age 90 in Evanston with his wife of 25 years, Grace Carlson-Lund, at his side. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Avenue in Evanston. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Doctors Without Borders would be welcome.

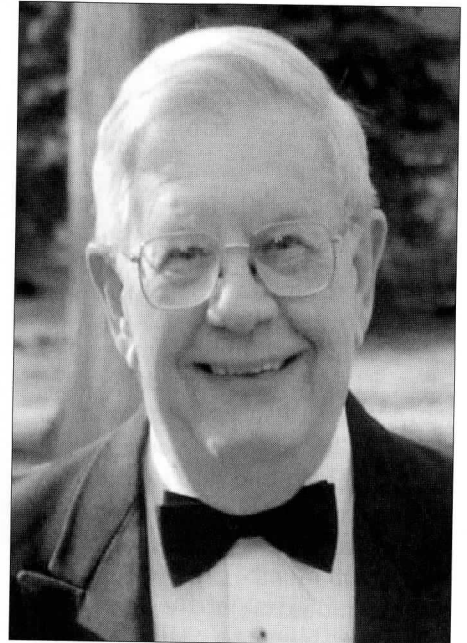
“He began his newspaper career as city hall reporter for the *Evanston Review* 1946-1956, and from 1961 to 1966, he edited the *Evanston Review*. He worked for *The Chicago Daily News* in 1957-1961 and again in 1966-1977, beginning as a reporter and winding up as assistant managing editor. In 1973, he received the Marshall Field Award for Outstanding Editorial Contribution to *The Chicago Daily News*.

“He was also a respected teacher at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and North Park College, as well as director of Columbia College's journalism graduate

program, which he helped to create, and where he retired in 1994.

“Born in Chicago to Swedish immigrants, he earned a bachelor's degree from Medill in 1949 after U.S. Army service that included occupation duty in Japan.

“A prominent figure for decades in Chicago's Swedish-American circles, he served as president of the *Swedish-American Historical Society* from 1976-1982. He was honored in 1976 with a bicentennial medal from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, and awarded *Knight First Class, Royal Order of the North Star* in 1978. He received the Swedish-American Historical Society's *Carl Sandburg Medal* in 1998, and Swedish Council of America's *Award of Merit* in 2011. He contributed numerous articles to the *Swedish-American Historical Quarterly*, and was editor of the Society's newsletter since 1997. His final Daily News project, which he devised as a lark, was the *Trivia Quiz*. He created that alumni newsletter feature each month for 21 consecutive issues, from May 2014 to Jan. 2016.



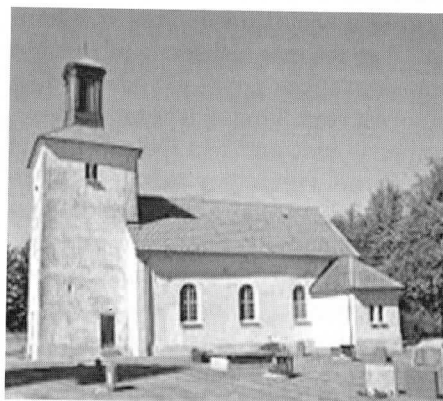
“His first wife, *Florence Johannsen Lund*, a journalist and artist, died in 1989.

“Survivors include his second wife, Grace Carlson-Lund, a photographer, and cousins in Sweden“.

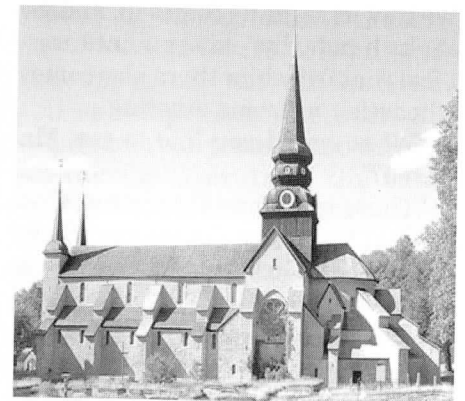
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Lidköping Nicolai Church whose oldest parts are from the 1400s. In the 1600s a tower was added. The church burnt in 1849, after which it its present form.



Händene Church is in its oldest parts from the 1100s, but has been rebuilt and added to during the centuries.



In 1150 cistercian monks came to Varnhem and started to build the church. Buried here are Swedish kings from the 1100s and 1200s.

Ancestors of Eric R. Lund (1925–2016)

1) *Eric Rudolf Lund*. Born 1 Nov. 1925 in Chicago, IL, U.S.A., died 16 Jan. 2016 in Evanston, IL, U.S.A. (Father 2, Mother 3)

Generation I

2 f *John Erik Lund*, b. 26 Jul. 1883 in Lidköping, died 4 Jun. 1956 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL, USA.

He was registered at the Lidköping Seamen's Register as a sailor.

In the 1912-1929 parish register (*Församlingsbok*) there is a note that he was in America from 1911. He moved officially 16 Oct. 1933 from Lidköping, to USA.

Married Aug. 1924 in USA to the following ancestor.

3) m *Edith Sofia Ström*, b. 10 Jan. 1888 in Lidköping, died 23 Jul. 1958 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL, U.S.A.

Moved 29 Jun. 1906 from Lidköping to U.S.A., moved 4 Jul. 1906 from Göteborg to New York, NY, USA

Generation II

4) ff *Anders Johan Andersson Lund*, b. 15 May 1853 in Medelplana, died 21 Dec. 1942 in Lidköping.

In 1881 he moved to house #93 in the Nya Staden, Lidköping. He is later listed as the owner of this house. He is also before 1900 recorded as being a matchstick factory worker [*tändsticksarbetare*].

Anders Johan started to use the surname *Lund* shortly before 1890.

Married 6 Jul 1877 in Lidköping, to the following ancestor.

5) fm *Lotta Jonsdotter* b. 14 Jul. 1843 in Ledsjö, died 12 Jun 1920 of pneumonia and heart problems in Lidköping.

6) mf *Anders Gustav Ström*, b. 2 Feb 1846 in the soldiers' cottage under Lunneberg, Säware, died from old age decline 23 Nov 1920 in Lidköping.

Match factory worker.

Married 18 May 1871 in Lidköping to the following ancestor. Marriage records: the bride had the written consent of her "giftoman," closest male relative.

7) mm *Anna Sofia Andersdotter*. Born 20 Jun. 1848 in Lidköping, died from liver cancer 15 Aug. 1903 in Lidköping. (She was christened Anna, which was soon changed to Amalia.)

Generation III

8) ff *Anders Andersson*, b. 16 Jun. 1822 in Grönslätt, Händene, died (of influenza) 16 Jan. 1894 in Per Olofsgården, Västerplana. Farm laborer.

Married 1 Oct. 1852 in Säware to the following ancestor.

They were married in the Säware church. He was a farmhand from Medelplana, she a *piga* from Per Jonsgården in Säware. She had the consent to the marriage from her older brother Anders Pettersson.

9) ff m *Maja Lisa Pettersdotter*, b. 27 Apr. 1829 in Gustafstorp on Lunneberg lands, Säware, died from consumption 6 Dec. 1876 in Per Olofsgården, Västerplana.

10) fm f *Jonas Pettersson*, b. 13 Dec. 1803 in Varnhem.

Sharecropper at Fiskaretorp on Höjenstorp lands in Eggby.

Moved 1840 from Åsaka to Hökaberg, Ledsjö. There he was a farm laborer at Malaga, Ledsjö.

Married to the following ancestor.

11) fm m *Maria Olofsdotter*, b. 25 Feb. 1806 in Åsaka.

12) mff *Erik Johansson Ström*, b. 22 Apr. 1814 in Olof Andersgården in Hasslösa, died (no cause of death mentioned) 3 Sep. 1852 in the soldier's cottage under Lunneberg, Säware.

Erik was soldier #121 of the Life Company of the Västgöta Infantry

Regiment. He enlisted in 1836, and was then recorded as being 5 foot 10 inches tall. He died while still in the army.

Around 1850 he was ordered to work on the Karlsten fortress in Marstrand.

Married 17 Nov. 1837 in Skeby to the following ancestor.

Marriage records: he a soldier of the Västgöta regiment, she a maid at Skeby Storegård.

13) mf m *Anna Catharina Svensdotter*, b. 11 Aug. 1815 in Soldier's cottage under Storgården, Skeby, died of old age 30 Oct 1905 in #38, Nya Staden, Lidköping.

14) mm f *Anders Eriksson*, b. 4 Aug. 1815 in Rackeby.

Day laborer in Lidköping.

Married to the following ancestor.

15) mm m *Maria Johansdotter*, b. 26 Jun. 1803 in Örslösa, died of bronchitis 20 Jan. 1876 in Lidköping.

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Notes:

1) Parishes mentioned here are all in Skaraborg County, except Göteborg, the big port that is in Göteborg and Bohus County.

2) The letters before the name of an ancestor are **f** and **m**. **F** means father (*far*), and **m** means mother (*mor*).

So *mm f* means mother's mother's father (in Swedish: *mormors far*).

By using this system you know which one of the grandparents and great-grandparents you mean.

3) There are no sources in the article about Eric Lund's ancestry, as they would take up too much space. Anyone interested in having a documented *Ahnentafel* can contact the editor.

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