



## Adeline Ruth Schuyler

*December 15, 1942 - September 6, 2026*

Grand Island, Nebraska

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Adeline Ruth Schuyler died in Grand Island on September 6, 2026. She was eighty-three. Born there on December 15, 1942, she grew up knowing the beet factory as a clock that did not sleep, and she learned a scale before she learned a highway. A correct tare, she said, is a form of respect.

She spent thirty-four years as a clerk in a plant that turned a crop into sugar the rest of the country ate without thinking. She typed the grade list, the quiet list of women who needed a ride and would not ask, and the quieter list of women who needed a box that was not on the approved shelf. She did not put her name on a committee. She put other people's names in the right order. When a buyer left in a hurry she kept the keys and the coffee and the calendar until the next one learned which door stuck.

She married Howard Schuyler in 1963. He sold insurance and died in 2002. They raised a son and a daughter who still argue about who got the last piece of caramel cake. Adeline kept the garden of peonies, and the habit of leaving a casserole on a porch without a speech. She sat through long meetings the way other people sit through weather.

Grandchildren remember a woman who corrected their thank-you notes more than their homework, who kept a biscuit tin of paper clips, and who could name every clerk in the building by the mug she no longer used. She died in Grand Island, in the wind she had always said you could live with if you dressed for it. The plant is someone else's now. The patience she practiced there is harder to replace than a catalog.

### Services

A funeral in Grand Island with one familiar hymn, sung slowly. A gift to a plant-workers' fund is welcome.

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