



Bernice Ann Penrod

January 18, 1928 - October 22, 2025

Boise, Idaho

Friends in Boise remember Bernice Ann Penrod, who died on October 22, 2025 at 97. Born in Boise on January 18, 1928; Norwegian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She sorted cellars that decided winters for farms that did not write novels. A cellar thermometer kept moist was gospel in small print. Colleagues still mention a cellar thermometer kept moist.

She married Donald in 1953. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Donald died in 2018, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Boise, on streets that already knew her pace. The Sunday call still has a time slot in the house.

Services

A memorial gathering in Boise with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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