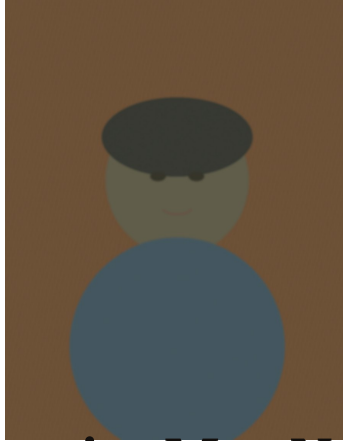




Bernice Mae Nolt

April 9, 1933 - September 24, 2024

Lubbock, Texas

Bernice Mae Nolt of Lubbock died on September 24, 2024 at the age of 91. Born on April 9, 1933, with Croatian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She walked bins that decided winters for farms that did not write novels. A bin walker flashlight strap preferred work over speeches. Colleagues still mention a bin walker flashlight strap.

She married Ralph in 1955. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Ralph died in 2017, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Lubbock, on streets that already knew her pace. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

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

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