



## Betty Lou Chernov

*June 1, 1948 - August 12, 2026*

Toledo, Ohio

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Betty Lou Chernov died in Toledo on August 12, 2026. She was 78. Born on June 1, 1948, into a Russian-American household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She fed mill crews from a steam table that never got a holiday. A cast-iron skillet she never lent was half myth and half thrift. Colleagues still mention a cast-iron skillet she never lent.

She married Ray in 1970. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Ray died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Toledo, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

### Services

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

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