



Betty Lou Gresham

June 2, 1948 - August 13, 2026

Cincinnati, Ohio

Betty Lou Gresham died in Cincinnati on August 13, 2026. She was 78. Born on June 2, 1948, with Appalachian Midwest roots that shaped the table more than the flag. 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 someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Cincinnati, among streets she never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

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

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