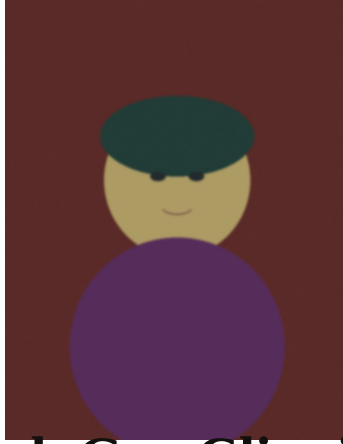




Beulah Gay Clippinger

March 12, 1946 - August 7, 2025

Providence, Rhode Island

Beulah Gay Clippinger died in Providence on August 7, 2025. She was 79. Born in Providence on March 12, 1946; Norwegian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She loaded retorts that smelled of piecework and care. A retort basket loader glove clip labeled twice rebuilt more trust than memos. Colleagues still mention a retort basket loader glove clip.

In 1972 she married Richard. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two sons and a daughter walked to school in weather that did not care. When Richard died in 2018, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Providence was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The key is still under the same brick.

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

Services in Providence will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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