



Bridget Mae Shaughnessy

April 21, 1948 - September 3, 2026

Topeka, Kansas

Bridget Mae Shaughnessy died in Topeka on September 3, 2026. She was 78. Born in Topeka on April 21, 1948, with Irish-American 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 routed fear and good news through a headset that became part of her posture. Families called her when they did not know who else to ask. Colleagues still mention a headset worn like a second hairdo.

She married Patrick in 1974. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Patrick 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 Topeka, among streets she never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

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

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