



Doris Faye Kulikowski

April 22, 1951 - July 25, 2026

Springfield, Massachusetts

On July 25, 2026, Doris Faye Kulikowski died at home in Springfield. She was 75. She was born on April 22, 1951 in a Native American family that measured love in finished chores. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She heard a bad loom the way a musician hears a wrong note. A weave-room loom pick meant the next hand could trust the last. Colleagues still mention a weave-room loom pick.

She married William in 1973. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised four children through public schools and ordinary weather. After William 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 preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Springfield was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

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

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