



Dorothy Ann Hockenberry

April 6, 1929 - August 12, 2026

Anchorage, Alaska

Family and neighbors in Anchorage mark the death of Dorothy Ann Hockenberry on August 12, 2026. She was 97. Born on April 6, 1929 and raised among German-American manners that never needed a speech. Young, she understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

She connected voices before dawn with equal courtesy to strangers and neighbors. A switchboard headset pad mended twice outlasted two exchanges. Colleagues still mention a switchboard headset pad mended twice.

She married William in 1954. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three daughters 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 the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Anchorage was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

Services

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

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