



Dorothy Sue Gugino

November 20, 1954 - July 13, 2025

Asheville, North Carolina

Dorothy Sue Gugino of Asheville died on July 13, 2025 at the age of 70. She was born on November 20, 1954 in a Hungarian-American family that measured love in finished chores. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She stitched boxes until gauges agreed and pride could return. A box stitcher gauge taped to the bench meant the next hand could trust the last. Colleagues still mention a box stitcher gauge taped to the bench.

She married John in 1976. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After John died in 2018, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Asheville, on streets that already knew her pace. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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