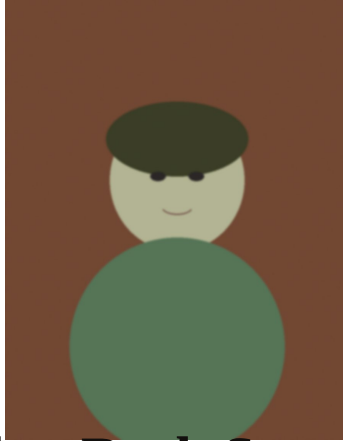




Edna Ruth Scanlon

October 24, 1932 - December 18, 2025

Stockton, California

Edna Ruth Scanlon, 93, of Stockton, died on December 18, 2025. Born in Stockton on October 24, 1932, into a Syrian-American household that treated work as a language. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She tended barns that decided winters for farms that did not write novels. A curing barn thermometer kept moist was gospel in small print. Colleagues still mention a curing barn thermometer kept moist.

In 1955 she married Frank. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and a daughter and two sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Frank died in 2018, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Stockton was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The Sunday call still has a time slot in the house.

Services

Services in Stockton 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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