



Eleanor Ann Kaltenborn

April 2, 1952 - July 7, 2026

Burlington, Vermont

Eleanor Ann Kaltenborn of Burlington died on July 7, 2026 at the age of 74. Born in Burlington on April 2, 1952; Ethiopian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. From the start, she treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

She tended frames that sang and snagged in the same hour. A scouring comb in felt lived in her apron forever. Colleagues still mention a scouring comb in felt.

In 1978 she married George. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and four children walked to school in weather that did not care. When George died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a jumper cable offered before the tow truck was dialed. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Burlington, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

Services in Burlington 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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