



Eleanor Jane McFadden

November 16, 1958 - August 13, 2026

Rapid City, South Dakota

Family and neighbors in Rapid City mark the death of Eleanor Jane McFadden on August 13, 2026. She was 67. Born on November 16, 1958 and raised among Irish-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She moved paper across borders without moving dignity. A bilingual forms binder kept trucks from arguing with stamps. Colleagues still mention a bilingual forms binder.

She and James married in 1985 and raised three sons without needing an audience. After James's death in 2019, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Rapid City was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

A quiet remembrance in Rapid City. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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