



Ellen Mae Fogarty

July 30, 1951 - August 9, 2026

Grand Junction, Colorado

Ellen Mae Fogarty died in Grand Junction on August 9, 2026. She was 75. Born on July 30, 1951, with Irish-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She checked out mysteries and tax forms with the same calm. Overdue notices went out with a handwritten note when a household was stretched. Colleagues still mention a stamp pad and overdue-card patience.

She married Thomas in 1973. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Thomas died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Grand Junction, among streets she never needed to explain. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

Services

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

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