



Eunice Kay Swindle

January 15, 1942 - April 18, 2021

Portland, Maine

In Portland, on April 18, 2021, Eunice Kay Swindle died at 79. Born on January 15, 1942, with Scotch-Irish roots that shaped the table more than the flag. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She tended tenters that shook the floor into a rhythm. A dye house tenter notebook yellowed but legible outlasted two managers. Colleagues still mention a dye house tenter notebook yellowed.

In 1965 she married Charles. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three children walked to school in weather that did not care. When Charles died in 2014, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Portland was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

Services in Portland 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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