



Evelyn Grace Chenoweth

May 6, 1942 - September 9, 2026

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Evelyn Grace Chenoweth died in Cheyenne on September 9, 2026. She was eighty-four. Born there on May 6, 1942, she grew up knowing the plains as a weekday place, not a postcard. Her father kept a small hay field; her mother kept the books for a parts store. Evelyn learned radios before she learned a campus. A scanner, she said, was just another way a state talked to itself.

She spent twenty-six years as a dispatcher for the highway department, first on a night shift that smelled of burnt coffee, later as the calm voice that sent a plow toward a drift when the wind turned. She did not shout into a microphone. She repeated mileposts until the person on the other end had them, then she wrote the time in a log she treated as a kind of prayer. Crews trusted her because she would tell them when she did not know, which is rarer than bravery.

She married Dale Chenoweth in 1964. They raised a daughter and a son in a house with a view of nothing in particular and a freezer full of game that friends had shared. Dale taught shop. Evelyn packed lunches that could survive a fourteen-hour shift and still taste like home. She walked the greenway before dawn because that was when the wind looked like work instead of recreation.

Neighbors remember a woman who brought cinnamon rolls to a shed without staying for thanks, who knew which intern needed a second explanation, and who could hear a weather radio without making it a personality. She loved a late-summer tomato, a clean map, and the particular silence after a road is opened. She died in Cheyenne, the high city that had always been enough map. The channel is still open. Someone else will say the mileposts.

Services

A gathering in Cheyenne at evening. A gift to a plow-crew fund or a library suits her.

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