



Evelyn Mae Yarbrow

May 19, 1928 - July 21, 2026

Fairbanks, Alaska

Evelyn Mae Yarbrow died in Fairbanks on July 21, 2026. She was 98. Born in Fairbanks on May 19, 1928, into a Scots-Irish household that treated work as a language. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She labeled cans until shelves could trust what left the line. A cannery label stamp pad cleaned nightly preferred work over speeches. Colleagues still mention a cannery label stamp pad cleaned nightly.

She and Harold married in 1952 and raised three daughters without needing an audience. After Harold'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 shovel borrowed and returned sharper. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Fairbanks, on streets that already knew her pace. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

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 Fairbanks. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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