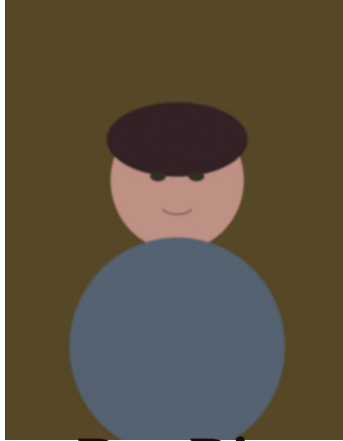




Evelyn Rae Rittenburg

December 25, 1945 - August 27, 2025

Dover, Delaware

Evelyn Rae Rittenburg, 79, of Dover, died on August 27, 2025. Born on December 25, 1945 and raised among Czech-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She jointed staves that would hold other people's years. An oak stave jointer plane chalked meant the next hand could trust the last. Colleagues still mention an oak stave jointer plane chalked.

She and Floyd married in 1972 and raised a daughter and two sons without needing an audience. After Floyd's death in 2018, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Dover, on streets that already knew her pace. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

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

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