



Gladys Grace Hovsepian

November 25, 1950 - September 12, 2026

Youngstown, Ohio

Family and neighbors in Youngstown mark the death of Gladys Grace Hovsepian on September 12, 2026. She was 75. Born November 25, 1950 in Youngstown, carrying Armenian-American stories that arrived without footnotes. Young, she understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

She cooked for residents who remembered better kitchens. A soup ladle bent from service was her preferred utensil. Colleagues still mention a soup ladle bent from service.

She and Kenneth married in 1977 and raised three daughters without needing an audience. After Kenneth'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 the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Youngstown was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. 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 Youngstown. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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