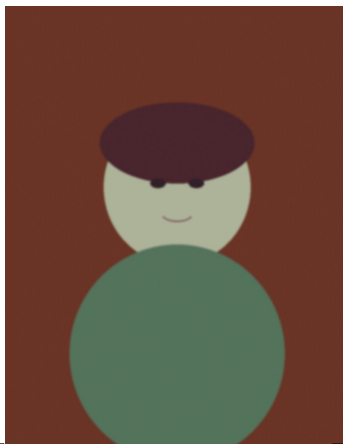




Gladys June Vandever

December 21, 1934 - April 27, 2026

Wilmington, Delaware

Gladys June Vandever, 91, of Wilmington, died on April 27, 2026. Born December 21, 1934 in Wilmington, carrying Irish-American stories that arrived without footnotes. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She ran samples that kept plants from guessing. A sample vial rack tagged twice meant the day belonged to accuracy. Colleagues still mention a sample vial rack tagged twice.

She and George married in 1961 and raised four children without needing an audience. After George'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 snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Wilmington was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

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

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