



Gloria Rose Winebrenner

October 8, 1935 - May 22, 2026

Wilmington, Delaware

Family and neighbors in Wilmington mark the death of Gloria Rose Winebrenner on May 22, 2026. She was 90. Born on October 8, 1935 and raised among Norwegian-American manners that never needed a speech. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She mixed dough until numbers told the truth about ovens. A dough scraper hung by a nail lived in her station forever. Colleagues still mention a dough scraper hung by a nail.

She and George married in 1962 and raised a daughter and two sons 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 a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Wilmington was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The calendar still has a circle on payday.

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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