



Greta Elise Schumacher

April 12, 1946 - August 6, 2026

Springfield, Missouri

Greta Elise Schumacher died in Springfield on August 6, 2026. She was 80. Born on April 12, 1946, raised among German-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She sold bread and patience in equal measure. A flour-dusted apron waited on a hook; regulars came for cinnamon rolls and left with advice. Colleagues still mention a flour-dusted apron on a hook.

She married Otto in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Otto died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Springfield, among streets she never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

A memorial gathering in Springfield with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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