



Greta Ilse Cordero

July 20, 1948 - August 7, 2026

Rapid City, South Dakota

Greta Ilse Cordero died in Rapid City on August 7, 2026. She was 78. Born in Rapid City on July 20, 1948, with German-Puerto Rican roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She counted, labeled, and double-checked with a care that kept wards safe. A pill-count tray polished smooth was her quiet instrument. Colleagues still mention a pill-count tray polished smooth.

She married Otto in 1971. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son 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 porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Rapid City, among streets she never needed to explain. The key is still under the same brick.

Services

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

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