



Hazel Mae Nygaard

March 22, 1946 - August 11, 2026

Dover, Delaware

Family and neighbors in Dover mark the death of Hazel Mae Nygaard on August 11, 2026. She was 80. Born in Dover on March 22, 1946; Norwegian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She listened to turbines the way some listen to weather. A torque wrench tagged with tape meant the next hand could trust the last. Colleagues still mention a torque wrench tagged with tape.

She and Joseph married in 1973 and raised twin sons without needing an audience. After Joseph'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 someone who knew every child's name on the block. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Dover, among streets she never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

A quiet remembrance in Dover. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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