



Hazel Rae Iqbal

March 4, 1936 - August 21, 2026

Medford, Oregon

In Medford, on August 21, 2026, Hazel Rae Iqbal died at 90. Born on March 4, 1936, with Pakistani-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She cut names into metal meant to outlast fashion. An engraving burin in velvet was the tool she would not lend. Colleagues still mention an engraving burin in velvet.

In 1959 she married Paul. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and twin sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Paul died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Medford, among streets she never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

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

Services in Medford will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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