



Joan Marie Shepler

April 3, 1937 - September 7, 2026

Casper, Wyoming

Joan Marie Shepler, 89, of Casper, died on September 7, 2026. Born in Casper on April 3, 1937; English-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 cooked on water that never held still. A barge galley timer that never failed outlasted two captains. Colleagues still mention a barge galley timer.

She married Richard in 1962. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters and a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Richard 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. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Casper, on streets that already knew her pace. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

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

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