



Joann Kay Tenbroeck

July 10, 1930 - May 17, 2026

Fargo, North Dakota

Friends in Fargo remember Joann Kay Tenbroeck, who died on May 17, 2026 at 95. Born on July 10, 1930, with Norwegian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. From the start, she treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

She kept sheets that turned trucks into wages without inventing weights. A dump ticket spindle ended arguments more gently than speeches. Colleagues still mention a dump ticket spindle.

In 1953 she married Gary. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and a son and a daughter walked to school in weather that did not care. When Gary died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Fargo was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

Services in Fargo 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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