



## Joyce Grace Dsouza

*March 4, 1935 - September 8, 2026*

Syracuse, New York

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Joyce Grace Dsouza died in Syracuse on September 8, 2026. She was 91. She was born on March 4, 1935 in a Goan-American family that measured love in finished chores. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She heard a bad frame the way a musician hears a wrong note. A spindle oilcan fixed more paychecks than speeches. Colleagues still mention a spindle oilcan.

She married Kenneth in 1957. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Kenneth died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Syracuse, 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 Syracuse with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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