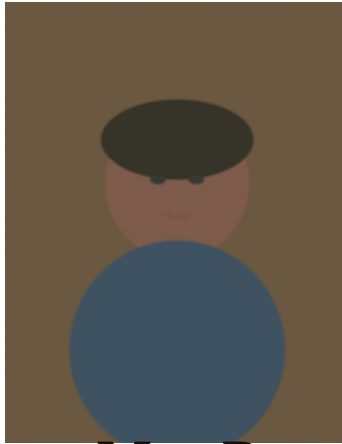




Karen Mae Pengelly

March 2, 1930 - May 6, 2026

Provo, Utah

Karen Mae Pengelly of Provo died on May 6, 2026 at the age of 96. Born in Provo on March 2, 1930, into a Danish-American household that treated work as a language. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She checked lids that had to look inevitable on shelves. A lid checker magnifier case stayed clean enough to trust. Colleagues still mention a lid checker magnifier case.

She and Steven married in 1954 and raised four children without needing an audience. After Steven'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 covered dishes that arrived without a speech. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Provo, on streets that already knew her pace. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

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

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