



LaVerle Ann Jeppson

February 11, 1946 - September 5, 2026

Provo, Utah

LaVerle Ann Jeppson died in Provo on September 5, 2026. She was eighty. Born there on February 11, 1946, she grew up knowing a dining hall as a clock that did not sleep, and she learned a steam table before she learned a highway. A tray, she said, is a kind of sentence: it has to arrive complete.

She spent twenty-seven years in a campus kitchen that fed students who treated gravy as a weather report. She started on the dish line. She ended as the woman who could tell, from the sound of a pan, whether the rice would hold through a late exam week. She kept a second carton of milk for the night-shift kid who arrived after the count. She would not let a vendor invent a portion that made the register a liar.

She married Ellis Jeppson in 1967. He drove a laundry truck and died in 2007. They raised a daughter and a son in a bungalow with a maple that dropped more work than shade. After Ellis was gone she kept his saucer on the drainboard for a season, then gave it to a granddaughter who liked cereal at odd hours. She sang alto in a choir that rehearsed on Tuesdays whether anyone new showed up or not.

People on her block remember a woman who froze extra rolls in coffee cans and left them after a funeral. She disliked a speech, loved a clean steam table, and could tell you which year the hall switched from square pizza to the round kind the students would actually finish. She died in Provo, in heat she had always said was honest. The line still opens. Someone else will count the milk.

Services

A gathering at her ward hall in Provo. Friends may bring a covered dish. A gift to a campus meal fund is welcome.

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