



Lila June Weatherby

January 27, 1953 - September 7, 2026
Pocatello, Idaho

Lila June Weatherby died in Pocatello on September 7, 2026. She was seventy-three. Born there on January 27, 1953, she grew up knowing phosphate as a rumor that paid and a pickup as a set of honest problems. She learned a typewriter the way other girls learned piano. A form, she believed, was a set of honest problems. People were harder, but she liked them anyway.

She ran the front office of a mill off the highway for most of her adult life. She did not advertise. She did not need to. Word moved along the rail: Lila will tell you if you do not need the part. She kept a handwritten ledger and a jar of extra pencils. She hired a neighbor's kid every summer and taught him that a purchase order is not a suggestion. When the catalogs arrived with televisions in the waiting rooms, she kept the radio on an AM station and a pot of coffee that was never quite fresh and never empty.

She married Grant Weatherby in 1974. They raised two sons in a house with a garage that was cleaner than the living room. Grant worked the night shift. Lila considered a Saturday in the hills a civic duty. After the mill slowed she still came out when a neighbor's well pump died, moving slower, charging less.

Customers remember a woman who wiped the counter before she offered a hand, who would jump a battery at dusk without calling it a favor, and who could diagnose a missing invoice from the curb. She liked the Portneuf at evening, a green-chile cheeseburger on a rare trip to town, and a church she stood through in the back because her knees had opinions. She died in Pocatello, the high dry town that had always been home. The office sign is down. A lot of trucks in the county still run because she was stubborn about a job.

Services

A memorial in Pocatello. The family welcomes stories in the hall, and a contribution to a youth trades program if you insist on doing something extra.

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