



Lillian Fay Padgett

October 6, 1942 - August 19, 2026

Lubbock, Texas

Lillian Fay Padgett died in Lubbock on August 19, 2026. She was 83. Born in Lubbock on October 6, 1942, raised among Southern manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She planned menus that had to heal and satisfy. Sunday circled on a clipboard meant family trays; she never let a tray go out cold. Colleagues still mention a menu clipboard with Sunday circled.

She married Ray in 1966. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Ray died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Lubbock, among streets she never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

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 Lubbock with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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