



Lillian Fay Popovic

October 5, 1942 - August 19, 2026

Amarillo, Texas

Lillian Fay Popovic died in Amarillo on August 19, 2026. She was 83. Born in Amarillo on October 5, 1942, with Serbian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. 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 1965. 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 a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Amarillo, among streets she never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

A memorial gathering in Amarillo with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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