



Lorraine Rae Szczepanski

October 8, 1937 - August 19, 2026

Wilmington, Delaware

Friends in Wilmington remember Lorraine Rae Szczepanski, who died on August 19, 2026 at 88. Born on October 8, 1937 and raised among Norwegian-American manners that never needed a speech. Young, she understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

She folded readiness into carts that surgeries depended on. A linen cart checklist yellowed but legible outlasted three managers. Colleagues still mention a linen cart checklist yellowed but legible.

She and Edward married in 1964 and raised a daughter and two sons without needing an audience. After Edward'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 snow shoveled past the corner that was not required. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Wilmington, among streets she never needed to explain. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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

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