



Lucia Marie Benedetti

June 17, 1940 - September 2, 2026

Lexington, Kentucky

Lucia Marie Benedetti died in Lexington on September 2, 2026. She was 86. Born in Lexington on June 17, 1940, with Italian-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 fed students who forgot to eat and faculty who forgot manners. A bent soup ladle was her scepter. Colleagues still mention a soup ladle bent from decades.

She married Marco in 1967. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son and a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Marco 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 Lexington, among streets she never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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