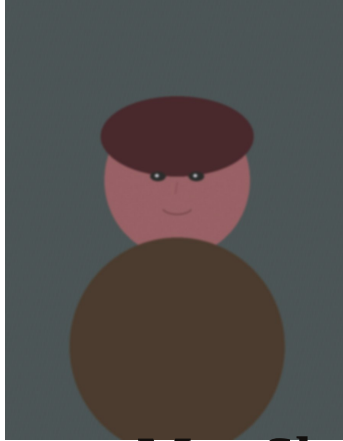




Margaret Mae Shepard

April 4, 1945 - August 28, 2026

Fargo, North Dakota

Family and neighbors in Fargo mark the death of Margaret Mae Shepard on August 28, 2026. She was 81. Born in Fargo on April 4, 1945; English-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She fried mornings into boxes that left before dawn travelers woke fully. A rest-stop spatula older than the grill never needed replacing. Colleagues still mention a rest-stop spatula older than the grill.

She married John in 1970. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons and a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After John died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Fargo, on streets that already knew her pace. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

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

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