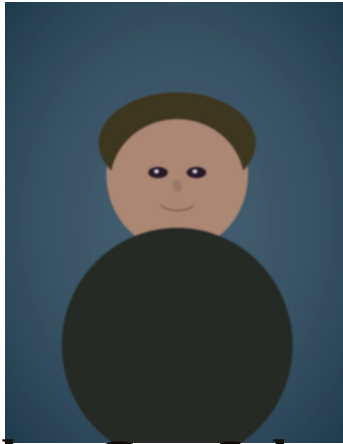




Marilyn Gay Schoonder

April 6, 1941 - July 9, 2026

Detroit, Michigan

On July 9, 2026, Marilyn Gay Schoonder died at home in Detroit. She was 85. Born in Detroit on April 6, 1941; Estonian-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She issued dies that kept presses from inventing danger. A die crib checkout stamp ended arguments more gently than bosses. Colleagues still mention a die crib checkout stamp.

In 1967 she married Walter. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three daughters walked to school in weather that did not care. When Walter died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Detroit, among streets she never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

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

Services in Detroit will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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