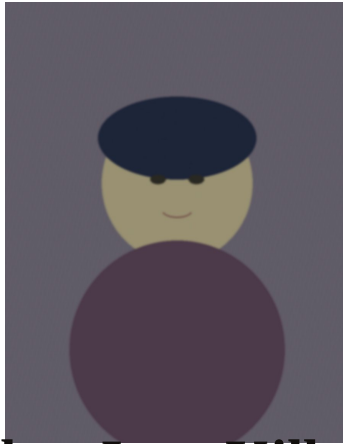




Marilyn Jean Kilbourne

July 2, 1947 - April 23, 2025

Manchester, New Hampshire

On April 23, 2025, Marilyn Jean Kilbourne died at home in Manchester. She was 77. Born July 2, 1947 in Manchester, carrying French-Canadian stories that arrived without footnotes. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She reconditioned drums that had to look inevitable on docks. A drum reconditioning scraper kit preferred work over speeches. Colleagues still mention a drum reconditioning scraper kit.

In 1973 she married Jerry. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and a daughter and two sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Jerry died in 2018, 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 Manchester, 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 Manchester 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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