



Marilyn Jean Middleton

January 26, 1952 - August 16, 2025

Manchester, New Hampshire

In Manchester, on August 16, 2025, Marilyn Jean Middleton died at 73. Born on January 26, 1952 and raised among Czech-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

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.

She and Edward married in 1979 and raised a daughter and two sons without needing an audience. After Edward's death in 2018, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Manchester, on streets that already knew her pace. The Sunday call still has a time slot in the house.

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

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