



Marjorie Gay Garber

June 22, 1948 - February 18, 2025

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Friends in La Crosse remember Marjorie Gay Garber, who died on February 18, 2025 at 76. Born on June 22, 1948 and raised among Finnish-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She built staging that other people trusted without knowing her name. A staging carpenter chalk line reel rode in her pocket like a spare prayer. Colleagues still mention a staging carpenter chalk line reel.

She married Milton in 1973. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Milton died in 2018, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in La Crosse, on streets that already knew her pace. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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