



Martha Ellen Santoro

October 27, 1955 - September 16, 2026

Provo, Utah

On September 16, 2026, Martha Ellen Santoro died at home in Provo. She was 70. Born in Provo on October 27, 1955, into a Italian-American household that treated work as a language. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She ran presses that shook the floor into a rhythm. An extrusion die chalk mark meant her station would not guess. Colleagues still mention an extrusion die chalk mark.

She married Dennis in 1977. 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 Dennis died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Provo was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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