



Martha Jean Peebles

July 28, 1930 - May 29, 2026

Evansville, Indiana

Martha Jean Peebles died in Evansville on May 29, 2026. She was 95. Born on July 28, 1930, with Dutch-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She heard bad grit the way a musician hears a wrong note. A sanding booth mask strap meant the next hand could trust the last. Colleagues still mention a sanding booth mask strap.

She and Paul married in 1954 and raised two children without needing an audience. After Paul's death in 2019, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a shovel borrowed and returned sharper. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Evansville was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The calendar still has a circle on payday.

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

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