



Martha Rae Truesdell

June 5, 1935 - November 8, 2016

Eugene, Oregon

Family and neighbors in Eugene mark the death of Martha Rae Truesdell on November 8, 2016. She was 81. Born in Eugene on June 5, 1935; Scottish-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She polished molds that decided whether glass would shame a season. A mold shop polish cloth marked stayed clean enough to trust. Colleagues still mention a mold shop polish cloth marked.

She married Frank in 1960. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter and two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Frank died in 2009, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Eugene, on streets that already knew her pace. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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