



Mei Ling Chen

December 8, 1955 - August 17, 2026

Greensboro, North Carolina

Mei Ling Chen died in Greensboro on August 17, 2026. She was 70. Born in Greensboro on December 8, 1955, raised among Chinese-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She sewed seams that held through wash and worry. A pincushion worn to the cloth sat by her machine; piece rates never made her rush a hem. Colleagues still mention a pincushion worn to the cloth.

She married Wei in 1979. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Wei 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 liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Greensboro, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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