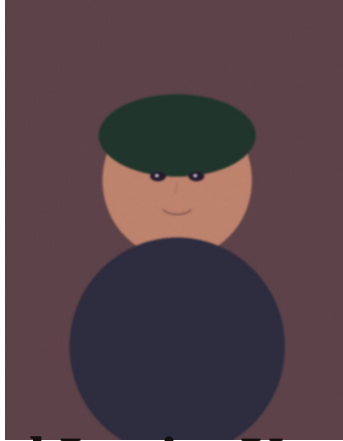




Mildred Louise Kowalczyk

April 26, 1941 - September 5, 2026

Pueblo, Colorado

Mildred Louise Kowalczyk died in Pueblo on September 5, 2026. She was 85. Born on April 26, 1941, with Polish-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She graded fruit that had to look inevitable in crates headed inland. A packing crate stencil decided what markets would trust. Colleagues still mention a packing crate stencil.

She and Thomas married in 1965 and raised a daughter and two sons without needing an audience. After Thomas'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. Pueblo was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The work gloves still keep the shape of a grip.

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

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