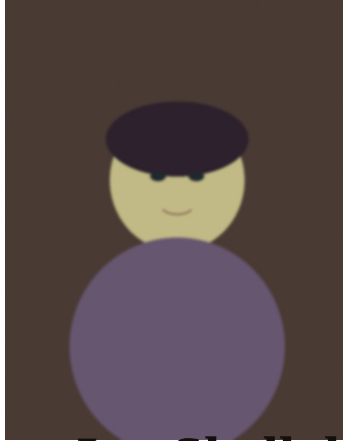




Miriam Joy Shellabarger

July 30, 1934 - August 5, 2026

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Friends in Lancaster remember Miriam Joy Shellabarger, who died on August 5, 2026 at 92. She was born on July 30, 1934 in a Amish-Mennonite family that measured love in finished chores. Early on, she decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

She stretched frames that held festivals and after-rain weather with equal care. A quilt frame clamp set meant the hall would not look abandoned. Colleagues still mention a quilt frame clamp set.

In 1957 she married Eli. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three daughters walked to school in weather that did not care. When Eli died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Lancaster was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The garden will come up next spring without being told.

Services

Services in Lancaster will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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