



Patricia Beth Frantz

November 10, 1936 - August 4, 2011

New Haven, Connecticut

New Haven lost Patricia Beth Frantz on August 4, 2011. She was 74. Born on November 10, 1936, with Slovak-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 cleaned barns that carried other people's mornings. A bus barn checklist yellowed but legible outlasted three managers. Colleagues still mention a bus barn checklist yellowed but legible.

She and Kenneth married in 1960 and raised two sons without needing an audience. After Kenneth's death in 2004, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in New Haven, among streets she never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

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

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