



Patricia Hope Blankenbaker

April 6, 1936 - September 19, 2026

Manchester, New Hampshire

Patricia Hope Blankenbaker of Manchester died on September 19, 2026 at the age of 90. Born on April 6, 1936, with Slovak-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She stretched repairs across weather that did not care about property lines. A windmill grease gun rag with a taped grip outlasted three summers. Colleagues still mention a windmill grease gun rag.

She and Thomas married in 1960 and raised four children 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 covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Manchester was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

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

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