



Pauline Lynn Poffenberger

April 18, 1939 - July 23, 2026

Tampa, Florida

On July 23, 2026, Pauline Lynn Poffenberger died at home in Tampa. She was 87. Born in Tampa on April 18, 1939; Scottish-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. From the start, she treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

She coaxed water through heat that argued with every valve. An irrigation valve wrench wrapped in tape preferred work over speeches. Colleagues still mention an irrigation valve wrench wrapped in tape.

In 1965 she married Thomas. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three daughters walked to school in weather that did not care. When Thomas died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember coffee offered before questions. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Tampa, on streets that already knew her pace. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

Services

Services in Tampa 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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