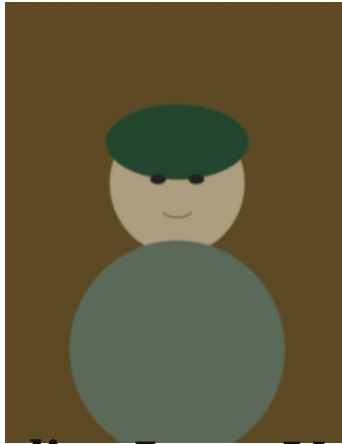




Pauline Lynn Varns

July 27, 1936 - January 22, 2025

Amarillo, Texas

Pauline Lynn Varns, 88, of Amarillo, died on January 22, 2025. Born on July 27, 1936, with Finnish-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She packed hides that had to look inevitable on pallets. A hide salt packer apron clip taught that shortcuts show. Colleagues still mention a hide salt packer apron clip.

In 1959 she married Ronald. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and three children walked to school in weather that did not care. When Ronald died in 2018, 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. Amarillo was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The Sunday call still has a time slot in the house.

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

Services in Amarillo 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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