



Phyllis Dee Diefenbach

April 10, 1943 - August 9, 2026

Peoria, Illinois

Friends in Peoria remember Phyllis Dee Diefenbach, who died on August 9, 2026 at 83. Born on April 10, 1943 and raised among Portuguese-American manners that never needed a speech. From the start, she treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

She kept a house that held funerals and festivals with equal care. A rectory apron with spare pins meant the hall would not look abandoned. Colleagues still mention a rectory apron with spare pins.

She married Harold in 1968. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised four children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Harold died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Peoria, among streets she never needed to explain. The lunch pail still waits by the back door.

Services

A memorial gathering in Peoria with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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