



Ruth Jean Maldonado

November 7, 1942 - August 9, 2026

Concord, New Hampshire

Ruth Jean Maldonado died in Concord on August 9, 2026. She was 83. She was born on November 7, 1942 in a Mexican-American family that measured love in finished chores. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She brought shelves to towns that had lost their libraries. A book bag with a broken zipper fixed by hand was pride. Colleagues still mention a book bag with a broken zipper fixed.

She married Michael in 1964. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Michael died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Concord was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

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

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