



Sharon Kay Holmqvist

February 22, 1934 - August 28, 2026

Charleston, West Virginia

Family and neighbors in Charleston mark the death of Sharon Kay Holmqvist on August 28, 2026. She was 92. Born on February 22, 1934 and raised among Appalachian-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She packed glass that strangers would trust without knowing her name. A packing floor stamp pad cleaned daily kept numbers from becoming tragedies. Colleagues still mention a packing floor stamp pad.

She married David in 1959. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two children through public schools and ordinary weather. After David died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember the radio low on a Saturday while repairs got done. Mornings were her favorite shift at home. She died in Charleston, on streets that already knew her pace. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

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

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