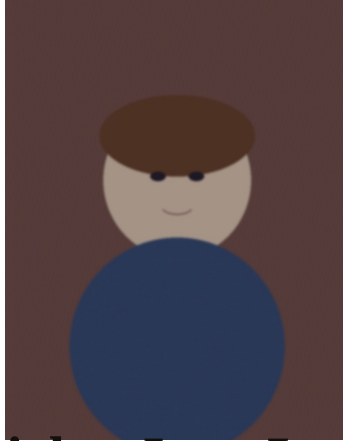




Shirley Jean Lantz

April 2, 1928 - March 20, 2026

Paducah, Kentucky

Shirley Jean Lantz died in Paducah on March 20, 2026. She was 97. Born on April 2, 1928, with Chinese-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 fed gins that turned fields into something shelves could trust. A gin feeder chalk board eraser opened more than doors; it opened payday. Colleagues still mention a gin feeder chalk board eraser.

She married Robert in 1950. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Robert died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who swept the sidewalk past the property line when weather had been unfair. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Paducah was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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