



Sofia Isabel Yilmaz

May 17, 1953 - August 10, 2026

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Sofia Isabel Yilmaz died in Green Bay on August 10, 2026. She was 73. Born in Green Bay on May 17, 1953, with Turkish-Latino 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 students who forgot to eat and faculty who forgot manners. A bent soup ladle was her scepter. Colleagues still mention a soup ladle bent from decades.

She married Miguel in 1980. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Miguel died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Green Bay, among streets she never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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