



Vera Mae Choate

November 7, 1941 - August 15, 2026

Spokane, Washington

In Spokane, on August 15, 2026, Vera Mae Choate died at 84. Born on November 7, 1941, with English-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. From the start, she treated promises like tools: keep them sharp, do not lend them lightly.

She tested pulp until numbers told the truth about paper. A sample bottle rack by the sink was her garden. Colleagues still mention a sample bottle rack.

In 1964 she married Joseph. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and twin sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Joseph died in 2019, she kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Spokane was home enough that she never rehearsed an introduction. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. Her life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

Services in Spokane will be simple: stories, coffee, and the names of people who showed up. Flowers optional; support for a local clinic or trade scholarship preferred.

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