



Vera Rae Shaheen

November 25, 1951 - August 5, 2026
Owensboro, Kentucky

Family and neighbors in Owensboro mark the death of Vera Rae Shaheen on August 5, 2026. She was 74. Born in Owensboro on November 25, 1951; Lebanese-American cooking and payday thrift set the tone of the house. She learned that neighborhoods remember who helps without being asked.

She walked rights-of-way that cut through other people's fences. A ROW flag rolled in a tube meant notice without arrogance. Colleagues still mention a ROW flag rolled in a tube.

She and Paul married in 1978 and raised twin sons without needing an audience. After Paul's death in 2019, she held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember a porch light left on for anyone walking home late. She preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Owensboro 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 quiet remembrance in Owensboro. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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