



Virginia Fay Hazelton

April 17, 1938 - September 4, 2026

Wilmington, Delaware

Virginia Fay Hazelton died in Wilmington on September 4, 2026. She was 88. Born in Wilmington on April 17, 1938, with Yankee Mid-Atlantic 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 brought shine to metal until it looked inevitable. A buffing wheel tuned by ear was her signature; piecework never made her careless. Colleagues still mention a buffing wheel she could tune by ear.

She married Howard in 1964. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters through public schools and ordinary weather. After Howard died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Wilmington, among streets she never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

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

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