



Virginia Kay Bontrager

October 12, 1930 - August 14, 2026

Bangor, Maine

Virginia Kay Bontrager of Bangor died on August 14, 2026 at the age of 95. Born in Bangor on October 12, 1930, into a Korean-American household that treated work as a language. She grew up believing that showing up was the first craft.

She ran deliveries that kept allergies from becoming tragedies. A pharmacy route clipboard under rain cover outlasted two managers. Colleagues still mention a pharmacy route clipboard under rain cover.

She married Richard in 1952. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters and a son through public schools and ordinary weather. After Richard died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember quiet help with a stuck mailbox or a heavy trash can. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Bangor, among streets she never needed to explain. The calendar still has a circle on payday.

Services

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

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