



Beatrice Ann Hargroves

August 25, 1937 - August 22, 2026

Wilmington, Delaware

Beatrice Ann Hargroves died in Wilmington on August 22, 2026. She was 88. Born on August 25, 1937, raised among African American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She sampled, labeled, and logged with a care that kept the plant honest. A lab coat buttoned to the top was her armor; precision was how she loved people she would never meet. Colleagues still mention a lab coat buttoned to the top.

She married James in 1960. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After James died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Wilmington, among streets she never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

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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