



Bernard John Giorgi

January 1, 1944 - August 10, 2026

Lafayette, Louisiana

In Lafayette, on August 10, 2026, Bernard John Giorgi died at 82. Born on January 1, 1944, with Armenian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. Early on, he decided that a paycheck and a handshake should weigh the same.

He ran a line that smelled of tide and piecework. A cannery whistle key opened more than doors; it opened payday. Colleagues still mention a cannery whistle key.

In 1967 he married Janet. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and two sons walked to school in weather that did not care. When Janet died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Lafayette was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

Services in Lafayette 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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