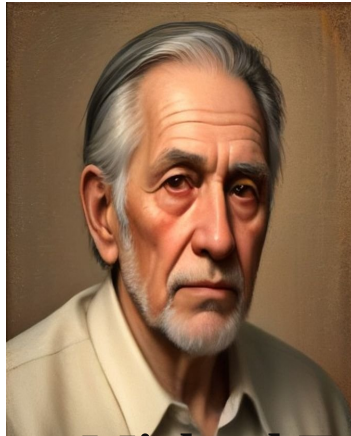




Clarence Michael Edelman

September 13, 1942 - August 24, 2026

Fresno, California

In Fresno, on August 24, 2026, Clarence Michael Edelman died at 83. Born on September 13, 1942, with Jewish-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 trimmed hedges that framed speeches he never attended. A rake with a taped handle outlasted three administrations. Colleagues still mention a rake with a taped handle.

In 1965 he married Patricia. The marriage was not a speech; it was groceries, repairs, and four children walked to school in weather that did not care. When Patricia died in 2019, he kept what still worked: the early walk, the small garden, the call on Sundays.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Fresno, on streets that already knew his pace. The Sunday call still has a time slot in the house.

What remains is not a legend but a practice: showing up, keeping a promise, leaving a place better than you found it. His life was the kind America is built from and too often forgets to name.

Services

Services in Fresno 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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