



Clarence Ray Thistlethwaite

January 21, 1939 - September 25, 2026

Buffalo, New York

Clarence Ray Thistlethwaite of Buffalo died on September 25, 2026 at the age of 87. Born on January 21, 1939, with Syrian-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He filed charts that had to be kind and accurate at once. A clinic chart stamp pad kept allergies from becoming tragedies. Colleagues still mention a clinic chart stamp pad.

He and Martha married in 1963 and raised two sons without needing an audience. After Martha's death in 2019, he held to quiet habits-coffee before dawn, a tended yard, a voice on the phone that still checked in.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. Mornings were his favorite shift at home. He died in Buffalo, on streets that already knew his pace. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

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

A quiet remembrance in Buffalo. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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