



Cleveland Earl Woolridge

August 30, 1945 - August 25, 2026

Augusta, Georgia

Cleveland Earl Woolridge died in Augusta on August 25, 2026. He was 80. Born in Augusta on August 30, 1945, with African 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 counted cargo under a sun that did not care about manifests. His clipboard never left the cab, and the union hall still uses his system. Colleagues still mention a clipboard that never left the cab.

He married Ruby in 1969. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Ruby died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember covered dishes that arrived without a speech. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Augusta, among streets he never needed to explain. The chair by the window still holds the shape of a habit.

Services

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

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