



Dorothy Mae Crutcher

September 25, 1956 - August 31, 2026

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dorothy Mae Crutcher died in Fort Wayne on August 31, 2026. She was 69. Born on September 25, 1956, into a African American household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She treated injections and bedside manners as the same craft. Patients kept the calm she modeled; students kept her laminated card. Colleagues still mention a laminated dosage card in her purse.

She married James in 1981. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two daughters 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 rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Fort Wayne, among streets she never needed to explain. The recipe card is still stained in the useful places.

Services

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

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