



Edith Claire Toussaint

April 24, 1939 - August 11, 2026

Providence, Rhode Island

Edith Claire Toussaint died in Providence on August 11, 2026. She was 87. Born on April 24, 1939, into a Haitian-American household that treated work as a language. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She brought shine to metal until it looked inevitable. A buffing wheel tuned by ear was her signature; piecework never made her careless. Colleagues still mention a buffing wheel tuned by ear.

She married Arthur in 1964. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Arthur 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 Providence, among streets she never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

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

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