



Elodie Marie Trahan

September 14, 1951 - August 19, 2026

Beaumont, Texas

Elodie Marie Trahan died in Beaumont on August 19, 2026, at seventy-four. She was born there on September 14, 1951, when a refinery was a clock and a river was a weekday neighbor. She learned a steam table before she learned a highway. A flask, she said later, is a kind of sentence: it has to arrive complete.

She spent twenty-four years washing glass that other cities only ordered. She started on the dish line of a lab. She ended as the woman who could tell, from the sound of a rinse, whether a lot would hold through a late inspector. She kept extra coffee for the kid whose morning had already been too long. She would not sign a burn that made the ticket a liar.

She married Alcide Trahan in 1972. They raised a son and a daughter in a bungalow that needed a new roof more often than the budget admitted. After Alcide died in 2015 she still sat with neighbors who had to renew something and did not know where to start.

Neighbors remember a woman who swept her sidewalk and yours if the wind had been unfair, who kept a coffee can of measuring spoons, and who could sit through a graduation without making it about herself. She liked the river early, before the heat. She died in Beaumont, in humidity she had always said was honest. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

A memorial in Beaumont with tea afterward. A gift to a lab-workers' fund is welcome.

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