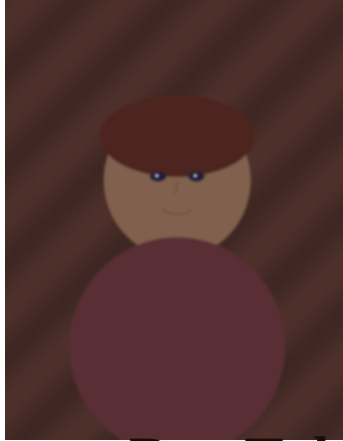




Eugene Ray Takeda

July 9, 1946 - September 4, 2026

Youngstown, Ohio

Family and neighbors in Youngstown mark the death of Eugene Ray Takeda on September 4, 2026. He was 80. Born July 9, 1946 in Youngstown, carrying Japanese-American stories that arrived without footnotes. Young, he understood that quiet competence outlasts loud plans.

He sent trays that had to be hot and kind at once. A cafeteria tray ticket spindle kept allergies from becoming tragedies. Colleagues still mention a cafeteria tray ticket spindle.

He and Dorothy married in 1973 and raised four children without needing an audience. After Dorothy'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 a rake leaned against a shared fence after a storm. He preferred the hour before a town fully wakes. Youngstown was home enough that he never rehearsed an introduction. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

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 Youngstown. Those who wish may give to a neighborhood library, food pantry, or workers' aid fund instead of flowers.

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